SAARC summit opens in Nepal

KATMANDU (AP) — The third annual summit of the South Asian A sociation for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) opened Monday with many of its leaders pledging to sign a pact to light terrorism in the subcontinent. The leaders of the seven nations arrived in heavily guarded motorcades at the Royal Nepal Academy to an army band welcome. At the two-hour opening session, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi turned over the gavel to Nepal's King Birendra, who will lead the regional federation for the next year. In his inaugural address, King Birendra focused on the two main issues expected to be approved at the three-day gathering — a 200,000-tonne food security reserve and an anti-terrorism pact. "I believe that the agreement will provide us with a much-needed cushion against the contingencies of food in our region," the King said. He added: "I am also hopeful that the signing of the final act of the convention against terrorism will take us a step closer to free this region of Asia from the secure that can afflict us all." Asia from the scourge that can afflict us all.



U.N. chief meets Iran, Iraq envoys

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar had separate meetings on Monday with the delegates of Iran and Iraq in a continuing effort to halt the seven-year Gulf war. The United Nations and the two delegations declined to disclose details of the Iranian and Iraqi responses to Mr. Perez de Cuellar's ceasefire plan submitted to them on Oct. 15. The secretary general asked for written replies within 15 days, but was on a private visit to Spain when the deadline expired. He returned to New York over the weekend. Speaking to reporters after Monday's meeting. Said Rajaie Khorassani, the Iranian delegate, said Mr. Perez de Cuellar was free to release what he termed Iran's "very good letter." Ismat Kittani, the Iraqi delegate, called on the secretary general shortly after Mr. Khorassani and later told reporters he didn't expect any further progress on ending the war until after next week's Arab summit, which begins Nov. 8.

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Rifai receives Omani message

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Monday conferred with Mr. Humud Ibn Ibrahim Ibn Soumar, director of the Income and Investments Department at the Omani Finance Ministry. The Omani official, who arrived here Sunday, con-veyed to Mr. Rifai a message from Omani Deputy Premier Qais Ibn Abdul Munem Al Zawawi dealing with Jordanian-Omani relations. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Majid 'Qasem, under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Oman's Ambassador to Jordan Bashir Ibn Salem Al Farraj.

Mirghani to attend summit

KHARTOUM (Petra) — Sudanese head of state Ahmad Al Mirghani will be heading his country's delegation to the extraordinary Arab summit which will open in Amman on Nov. 8, the Sudanese News Agency announced here on Monday. On Sunday it was also announced in Oman that Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said will head Oman's delegation to the summit.

Sharon under probe

TEL AVIV (AP) — The justice ministry ordered police to investigate allegations that the trade and industry minister, Ariel Sharon, illegally channelled money and contracts to political allies, a newspaper reported Monday. Justice ministry officials con-firmed the probe, but refused to provide details. Sharon spokesman Amiram Fleischer said Sharon denied the allegations, but was willing to cooperate with investigators. A scandal could dampen Sharon's hopes of staging a political comeback and replacing prime minister Yitzhak Shamir as leader of the right-wing Herut

Swiss official visits Iran

BERNE (R) — A senior government envoy from Switzerland, which represents the United States in Iran, is in Tehran for a three-day official visit, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday. Ambassador Alfred Ruegg, who heads a political department at the Swiss Foreign Ministry dealing with countries outside Europe and North America, will discuss bilateral and international issues during his visit, the spokes-man said. "It is clear he will also / review Switzerland's mandate in representing American interests," he added.

Syria asks foreign airlines to stop Cyprus flights

PARIS (R) — Syria has asked Air France, Swissair and the Dutch national airline KLM to suspend services between Cyprus and Damascus, an Air France spokesman said Monday. He said the governments and airlines concerned were informed of the Syrian request at the end of last week. The suspension was due to take effect on Sunday. The spokesman did not give any reasons for the Syrian decision.

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King, Crown Prince and Rifai discuss Mideast peace efforts with Howe

Jordan and Britain agree on need to implement U.N. resolutions to settle Gulf and Arab-Israeli conflicts

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein and British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on Monday discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq war and prospects to settle the two Middle East problems and achieve peace in the region on the basis of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

Reporting on the meeting held at the Royal Court, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that both sides reiterated the need for convening an international Middle East peace conference under U.N. auspices for implementing Security Council resolutions because such a conference is the only way for arriving at a just and

By Salameh B. Ne'matt

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — British Foreign Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe on

Monday urged the Soviet Union

to join the rest of the permanent

members of the United Nations

Security Council seeking "enforcement measures" to U.N.

embargo against Iran as a means

After meetings with His Majes-

ty King Hussein, His Royal High-

ness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime

Minister Zaid Rifai and senior

Jordanian officials, Mr. Howe

told a press conference that "Mv

Jordanian hosts and I were in full

agreement on the urgent need to

implement Resolution 598 back-

ed, if necessary, by enforcement

He expressed hope that the

extraordinary Arab summit to be

held in Amman on Nov. 8 would

give "support to this approach as

also to the principle of freedom of

navigation in international wa-

On the second day of an official

measures.'

to a Gulf war ceasefire.

The King and Mr. Howe also underlined the need for implementing Security Council Re-solution 598 which aims at ending the conflict between Iran and Iraq, the agency said.

The King and Mr. Howe, Petra added, reviewed means for promoting Jordanian-British relations and boosting bilateral coopera-tion in different fields.

Howe said his country was calling

for follow-up measures to Re-

solution 598 agreed upon by the

five Security Council permanent

members during their meeting in

should be put in place. We would

which we consider the most

appropriate measure against the

party not complying with 598,"

he said identifying Iran as "the greatest obstacle" in the way to

implementing the resolution and

"the most likely candidate" for

an arms embargo. "We want the

the Soviet Union to join us in

putting that into action as agreed

upon in Washington," he said.

favoured a twin-track effective

approach to a Gulf war ceasefire:

"Pushing for the implementation

of 598 and backing the (U.N.)

secretary general with the strength of enforcement mea-

He said: "Doubts remain as to

sures and an arms embargo."

Mr. Howe said Britain

"These measures, we think,

Washington last month.

measures to enforce 598

three-day visit to Jordan, Mr. giving priority to its national

like the Soviet Union to join hands on its compliance" with the re-

Howe urges Moscow to join

The audience was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, in addition to a delegation accompanying the British secretary on his visit to Jordan and Britain's Ambassador to Jordan.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Howe was received by Prince Hassan at his office.

Petra said the Crown Prince presented to Mr. Howe a detailed outline of Jordan's continued efforts to achieve peace and sta-bility in the Arab region and

objectives or to (the implementa-

Iraq's attacks on shipping in the Gulf as a violation of the U.N.

resolution, Mr. Howe said that

London has "warned Iraq that

attacks on shipping cast doubts

He said he did not believe that

economic sanctions would be

effective as a measure to force an

acceptance of the ceasefire re-

solution. "We are looking for the

best way to throttle out life from

the conflict... an arms embargo

looks like the measure most likely

On the Arab-Israeli conflict,

the British foreign secretary ex-

pressed support for the King and

his "tireless and courageous

efforts to advance the peace pro-

He said Britain supported an

international conference for peace in the Middle East to be

held under U.N. auspices as "the

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to be effective," he said.

Asked whether Britain viewed

tion) of Resolution 598 "

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His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan hold talks with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on Monday

Iraq to press Arab summit to boycott Iran

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Iraq will ask leaders at next Sunday's Arab summit to boycott Iran and invoke the Arab Defence Charter, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said in an interview published on Monday.

"We will stress the need to implement... an Arab boycott against Iran that was previously discussed at the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis," Mr. Ramadan told Al Ittihad daily. We will also ask them to invoke the Arab Defence Charter."

The summit opens in Amman on Nov. 8 and the Iran-Iraq war is expected to dominate proceed-

ings. Mr. Ramadan did not say if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would personally attend the summit. He said: "We will participate with an effective and high-level

delegation."
Mr. Ramadan, who recently

completed an Arab tour, said: "The general tendency among Arab states is to adopt a unified peace efforts and Resolution 598." stand against Iranian rejection of

Arab and Western diplomats based in the region say Gulf states led by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait want broad condemnation of Iran at the summit.

Last August, Arab foreign ministers meeting in Tunis drew back from a proposed boycott under pressure from Syria, Libya and Algeria.

The defence charter provides for collective action to help any Arab League member facing

At the Tunis meeting, Arab foreign ministers voiced unanimous support for Resolution 598, which envisages sanctions against any party that does not heed the

"We're not sure they were Ira-

"The only things that make this

nian, but the U.S. ships were

incident different is that it was

night and that the boat came as

close as it did," the official

The officials, who asked not to

be named, indicated there had

been other occasions when U.S.

taken by surprise.

U.S. frigate opens fire on

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - A U.S. navy frigate and a chartered tanker were "taken by surprise" in the Gulf by three small craft that approached them at high speed before being chased off by machine gun fire, U.Ş. military officials said Monday.

The Pentagon said the boats. a dhow and two Boston whaler-type speedboats, which got within 500 metres of the convoy Sunday were suspected to be Iranian.

The frigate Carr fired .50 calibre machine guns at one boat, but none of the three was known to have been hit and all left the scene after the incident, the Pentagon said.

However, Gulf-based U.S. officials said there was serious doubt whether the boats were Iranian craft threatening the U.S. vessels, or simply ordinary fishing vessels of another nationality which are common in the Gulf.

"We've seen these types of boats before, but it's the first time that one ever came that close to

warships fired warning shots to ward off other craft that apparently were innocent, but refused to give details. Only one such incident has been made public, according to

available records here show. That was when the missile destroyer Kidd fired a warning shot at a dhow in the same area Aug. 24. The officials said the Carr opened up on one of the vessels

after it failed to heed warning shots and made what appeared to be a "hostile run" at the Patriot, a cargo ship under charter to the navy's military sealift command.

Arabs stage widespread anti-Israel demonstrations OCCUPIED JERUSALEM crowds of demonstrators who

(Agencies) — Palestinians staged threw rocks and burned tyres. A commercial strikes, demons- young boy was wounded by a trated and stoned Israeli vehicles in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip on Monday, the 70th anniversary of the Belfour Dec-laration in which Britain pledged a Jewish state in Palestine.

All shops were closed in Arab Jerusalem and commercial strikes were also reported in Gaza and in the West Bank towns of Nablus and Ramallah, where soldiers tried to force storekeepers to month open and welded the shutters of week. those who refused.

Two Israelis were injured when demonstrators pelted a bus with stones near Hebron.

there were sporadic demonstrations and protests in several parts of the occupied territories.

identified the wounded Nablus boy as Talal Dweikat and said he was taken to the nearby Rafi-An Israeli spokesman said diyeh hospital for treatment. Two Israelis were also injured

bullet in Nablus, the army said.

ters burned tyres and erected stone barricades in Bethlehem's

Manger Square.

Palestinian sources said protes-

Police removed a Palestinian

flag and a portrait of a student

shot dead by Israeli troops at

Bethlehem University from the

campus railings. The Israelis

closed the university for three

months after protests there last

The Palestine Press Service

in the city of Hebron, when Palestinian demonstrators threw Troops opened fire and used stones at an Israeli bus, smashing tear-gas and rubber bullets in several windows, an army spokes-Gaza and Nablus to disperse man said.

Gorbachev vows to seek 'unidentified' boats in Gulf ban on space weapons

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Soviet defence initiative or SDI - has arms at coming summits with U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

His remarks, at a Kremlin meeting marking the 70th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, were seen as a clear signal he would be pushing hard for limits on Mr. Reagan's "Star Wars" programme when they meet in Washington next month.

"The growing danger that weapons may be perfected to a point where they will become uncontrollable urges us to waste no time," Mr. Gorbachev declared.

"That is why we will work unremittingly at these meetings for a palpable breakthrough, for concrete results in reducing strategic offensive arms and barring weapons from outer space, the key to removing the nuclear threat," he said. G
"Star Wars" — the strategic 8

leader Mikhail Gorbachev been pinpointed by the Kremlin pledged on Monday he would for the past two years as the main work tirelessly for a ban on space barrier to agreement on cutting weapons and for cuts in strategic the superpowers' arsenals of long-range weaponry. Until now, Mr. Reagan has

resolutely declined to accept any curb on development of the programme, a largely space-based network of lasers and battle stations using nuclear explosions to destroy missiles launched against the United States. But Moscow regards SDI as a

U.S. attempt to achieve military superiority which would have to be countered by a massive buildup of Soviet intercontinental rocketry or ICBMs.

On Friday the two powers announced Mr. Gorbachev and Mr. Reagan would meet in Washington on Dec. 7 to sign a treaty on destroying their in-

termediate nuclear weaponry (Continued on page 3)

Gorbachev rebukes Yeltsin, page

Young technocrats take over Chinese party leadership

PEKING (R) — China's Communist Party radically overhauled its elite leadership on Monday, promoting younger technocrats to take over from elderly revolutionaries.

Premier Zhao Ziyang, heirapparent to paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, was confirmed as expected in the top post of party general secretary. The new Central Committee,

named at the close of the party's national congress on Sunday, voted seven new men onto the 18-man politburo and appointed four new members to its powerful five-man standing committee, leaving Mr. Zhao as the only holdover.

The average age of the standing committee fell from about 78 years to 63 years. Appearing in triumphant spir-

its at a reception in the Great Hall of the People, Mr. Zhao clinked glasses with journalists and fielded questions on subjects ranging from the cut of his suit to relations with Washington and Moscow.

food and drink, Mr. Zhao shook hands, cracked jokes and asked questions himself in an openness not seen in China for over 20 years.

Teasing the 400 or so journalists present, Mr. Zhao disclosed he would soon hand in his resignation as premier and propose his successor as acting premier until the National People's Congress (parliament) meets next

'I will not tell you his name but you can say he is younger than Mr. Zhao said. The official New China News Agency revealed Mr. Zhao's age for the first time on Monday, saying he is 68 rather than the commonly reported 69.

Mr. Zhao was accompanied at the reception by his fellow standing committee members, introduced apparently in order of seniority — Li Peng, Qiao Shi, Hu Qili and Yao Yilin.

Mr. Li, a technocrat trained in Moscow and the adopted son of former Premier Chou Enlai, is a youthful 59, holds the post of vice Separated by just a narrow line of tables laden with celebratory mr. Zhao as premier. premier and is tipped to succeed

New Syrian premier begins economic task

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syria's new prime minister, Mahmoud Zu'bi, has begun the uphill task of reforming his country's flagging economy after installing several new faces in a 36-member coalition cabinet.

"Syria's economy needs a strong man or group capable of ... vigorously uprooting mismanagement," one political observer in the Syrian capital told Reuters. Mr. Zu'bi succeeded Dr.

Abdul Raouf Al Kasm, who resigned on Saturday after parliament censured four ministers for incompetence. The semi-official daily, Al

Thawra, said on Monday the new government was formed in "exceptional and delicate circumstances, which require an exceptional effort and persistent action to exploit all available potential." Diplomats say Mr. Zu'bi will

have to battle economic stagnation, fuelled by corruption and mismanagement.

Al Thawra said the new premier would have to boost industrial and agricultural production "by fighting the routine and continuing to apply the principle of punishment until corruption is

uprooted." He has appointed technocrats and specialists to help Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Salim Yassif and veteran Economy Minister Mohammad

Imadi in the economic drive.

congratulates

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Monday sent a cable of congratulations to Mr. Mahmoud Zu'bi on the occasion of his appointment as Syria's new prime minister. In his cable Mr. Rifai said he was confident that existing brotherly ties between the two countries would be further strengthened and developed in all fields to serve interests of the two brotherly peoples and those of the Arab Nation.

Minister for Oil and Mineral Resources Mtanios Habib, 48, is regarded as a specialist in his

The new government, like its predecessor, is a coalition of Baathists and their partners from socialist parties.

It comprises 24 members of the Baath Party, two Communists, two Socialist Unionists, two Arab Socialists, two from the Socialist Union and four independents.

Three deputy prime ministers, including Defence Minister Mus-. tafa Tlas, kept their positions and 11 other ministers were reappointed, including Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa.

whether the Soviet Union was Qadhafi not to attend summit

BEIRUT (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said on Monday he will not attend the Arab summit in Amman on Nov. 8 but would call for another meeting that could discuss an Arab atomic bomb, the official Libyan news agency (JANA) said.

The JANA report did not rule out Libya sending officials to the summit but analysts said it appeared highly unlikely in view of its previous calls for Arab states to boycott the meeting. "This (Iran-Iraq) war has no

aim and must stop. I am against it and consider its continuation as madness," Col. Qadhafi said, adding that he wanted another meeting of Arab leaders.

"I will call for a summit that might have on the agenda: combatting America, boycotting France, the liberation of Palestine, the creation of an Arab federation... and building an Arab atomic bomb," JANA reported him as saying.

Col. Qadhafi, whose country

produces around one million barrels of oil per day, said he supported Iran in the war with Iraq and was not sorry for any loss of Gulf oil.

"Arab masses do not make use" of the Gulf oil so the Arab masses including the Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah (Republic) will not feel sorry for the Gulf oil if it was burned," Col. Oadhafi said.

American ships," one official Chirac pushes for int'l parley, but fails to convince Shamir conference, telling a delegation

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac pushed for a Middle East peace conference in meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, but failed to persuade Mr. Shamir to drop his opposition to the proposed forum, Israeli officials said Monday.

Mr. Chirac is on a three-day visit to Israel, the first by a French prime minister. He met with Mr. Shamir on Sunday and Monday, said Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir. In a 75-minute meeting Sunday

night, Mr. Chirac "expressed support for the international conference, but did not succeed in convincing Mr. Shamir", said Ahimeir. Mr. Shamir told Mr. Chirac the

European Community (EC) should withdraw its support for the international conference and instead try to convince the Arabs to enter into direct negotiations with Israel, Ahimeir said.

This is the only positive role (Shamir) ascribes to the Europeans," the spokesman said. On Monday, Mr. Shamir reiterated his opposition to the and the pursuance of a dialogue.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, has campaigned for the conference as the only way to get the Arabs to the negotiating table. In a meeting Mr. Chirac held

of Finnish parliamentarians it was

Mr. Shamir's coalition partner,

a Soviet-engineered "trick."

with Mr. Peres on Sunday, the two leaders agreed there was "no alternative" to the conference-In a speech to the Knesset on Sunday, Mr. Chirac said it was incumbent on Israel to understand and respect the rights of the other peoples in the region.

"Israel would not be Israel, if it did not recognise the rights of others to choose their own destiny," he said. "While there was no question that the existence and the security of Israel must be guaranteed, the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination must be both recognised and exercised," he said.

The way of attaining that objective is a matter of debate, he said. but the basic condition for its attainment must be acceptance

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White House miscalculated key aspects of Gulf policy — analyst

By Valerie Strauss Reuter

WASHINGTON — The White House miscalculated key aspects of the U.S. operation to protect Kuwaiti vessels in the Gulf and still has no clear vision of when it will end, Democratic legislators and an independent analyst said.

From the time President Reagan agreed to help Kuwait last spring, his administration has misjudged issues ranging from the size of the force necessary for the operation to fran's reaction to the U.S. military buildup in the Gulf. they said.

And its latest Gulf-related effort to win an international arms embargo against Iran appears unlikely to immediately succeed, they added.

"It isn't that they made a single miscalculation." Representative Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, told Reuters. "It is, that at every juncture they have been wrong. They have made an open-ended commitment that they do not know how to keep and don't begin to know how to

"The future will require hard choices and some real planning. And the administration has to learn not to jump first and think later." Mr. Torricelli said.

Under Mr. Reagan's policy in the Gulf. 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers have been re-registered under the American flag and are escorted through the Gulf by U.S. warships. Fourteen such convoys

ATLANTA (R) — Disagreement

between the Reagan administra-

tion and Congress over U.S. poli-

cy in the Middle East creates a

special problem because the

Soviet Union is becoming more

active in the area, an administra-

tion official has told American

Robert Oakley, special assis-

tant to President Reagan for

National Security Affairs, told

the American Jewish Committee

that the United States "is strug-

gline for a clearer national con-

sensus and sense of direction" in

dealing with problems of the Mid-

nd those in the region are facing.

Soviet diplomacy which is prom-

oting its own image and influence

through the area at the expense

of the U.S. but to as yet uncertain

ends for the region." Mr Oakley

suggests serious new possibilities

for conflict resolution, or simply

the more effective pursuit of tra-

ditional objectives, remains to be

seen." Mr. Oakley said.

"Whether Soviet new thinking

Jewish leaders.

Soviets becoming more active

in Mideast, Reagan aide says

operation began in July.

Mr. Reagan agreed to help Kuwait last March after the tiny Gulf nation also asked Moscow for help in protecting its ship from Iranian attack.

Mr. Reagan at the time was embattled by the scandal over his secret arms sales to Iran, which left U.S. friends in the Gulf fearing that he had "tilted" toward Tehran, their enemy, in the seven-vear Iran-Iraq war.

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Kuwait is a major backer of Iraq in the Gulf war and Tehran has staged a series of attacks on Kuwaiti territory and on its ships traversing the Gulf.

Tehran sees U.S. support for Kuwait, and the U.S. military buildup in the Gulf, as serious provocations, and American and Iranian forces have clashed several times in recent months.

Mr. Torricelli and other U.S. legislators, as well as independent analysts, say Mr. Reagan miscalculated the size of the fleet necessary to protect the Kuwaiti

The White House initially told

His speech came at the end of a

four-day meeting of the Amer-

ican Jewish Committee which had

earlier heard from former Presi-

dent Jimmy Carter and Israeli

Ambassador to the United States

Also on Sunday, an assistant to

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres told members of the com-

mittee that if Soviet leaders carry

through on recent declarations.

the year will end with a total of

12,000 Soviet Jews emigrating to

Nimrod Novik, an assistant to

Mr. Peres, said Israeli news orga-

nisations have reported that

allow increased emigration

871 Jews leave

Soviet Union

A total of 871 Jews left the

Soviet Union last month for new

homes abroad, equalling the

highest monthly tally since

emigration picked up rapidly this

vear, the Intergovernmental

Committee for Migration (ICM)

Moshe Arad.

Israei.

"At the same time, the U.S. Soviet officials have agreed to

a much more dynamic, clever during November and December.

were needed beyond the six to nine warships on regular duty. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said recently there are up to 32 U.S. warships now in the Gulf.

"That was a horrendous miscalculation," said Representative Tom Lantos, a California Demo-

The White House also told Congress before the operation began that no additional support vessels would be needed, an assumption proved incorrect after the tanker Bridgeton hit a mine on the first U.S.-escorted convoy and Washington asked its allies to send minesweepers to the Gulf.

There were also misjudgments on Iranian reaction to the U.S. protection operation, Gary Sick. author of the book All Fall Down. about Iran's 1979 revolution, told

The White House said initially did not expect Iran to attack S. forces or ships under U.S. protection despite the hostile relations between the two countries since the shah was overthrown and Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini came to power.

There was an overestimation the deterrent effect of just having U.S. forces there and the American flag flying to prevent the Iranians from retaliation' said Sick, a former U.S. official now at the Ford Foundation in New York.

Iran has been very clever in its reaction, Sick said, never firing directly on a U.S. warship but have been completed since the Congress no additional forces instead mining international wa-

ters, and firing Silkworm missiles on the Kuwaiti mainland and at a reflagged Kuwaiti tanker while it was not under U.S. protection.

U.S. forces retaliated only for the October attack on the Kuwaiti vessel by hitting Iranian oil platforms that Washington said were used to harass shipping in the waterway.

Tehran has thus managed to "get around" U.S. policy, staging attacks that they know will not elicit a major response from Washington, Mr. Sick and Mr. Torricelli said.

Such attacks will make it difficult for U.S. forces in the Gulf, Mr. Sick said, keeping them constantly on alert but unable to retaliate for many acts of Iranian aggression.

Ending the protection operation is also problematic, they said. The White House has said the operation will end when the Gulf is safe for commerce - but it has not given a date.

U.S. legislators who fear U.S. and Iranian forces are headed for a major conflict in the Gulf are moving to try to end the operation, although there appears to be agreement that a complete U.S. pullout from the Gulf would be disastrous for American security

The only way out on the horizon, Mr. Sick said, lies with the U.N. effort to win a ceasefire in the Gulf war - a prospect not

expected to succeed soon. "It is not impossible but it is not a predictable outcome," said

2 killed in Beirut shelling zone and material damage was

BEIRUT (R) - Falangist and opposition militia gunners shelled residential areas of Beirut on Monday, killing two civilians, after clashes on the "green line" dividing the city, police said.

They said shells slammed into neighbourhoods near the "green line," an 8-kilometre wasteland of barricades and wrecked offices and homes between Christian east and mainly Muslim west

Two civilian men were killed by exploding shells in the Christian district of Ain Rummaneh next to the "green line" battle ability to end the war.

The exchanges of artillery fire

reported elsewhere, police said.

across Beirut followed machinegun skirmishes between militiamen facing each other across the former heart of the city since Lebanon's civil war started in

The sound of exploding shells echoed across the city, which had been spared such violence for about two months as it coped with an economic collapse blamed on the government's in-

S. Yemeni leader in Somalia

Haider Abu Baker Al Attas of in the war. South Yemen arrived in Mogadishu on Sunday for a two-day visit which the official Somali media said marked a new stage in relations between the two coun-

President Mohammad Siad Barre of Somalia has not met a South Yemeni leader since January 1986. attending Cuban-sponsored talks in Aden shortly before the 1977/8 Ogaden war. Under ousted President Ali Nasser Mohammad, day visit.

MOGADISHU (R) - President South Yemen supported Ethiopia

The official Somali News Agency Sonna quoted Mr. Attas as saying he and Mr. Barre would discuss the Horn of Africa, the Gulf war and the Middle East. He called on Somalia and

Ethiopia to pursue the inconclusive peace process they began in

Mr. Attas arrived in Mogadishu from neighbouring Djibouti, where he made a three-

Bodies of slain Frenchmen flown home

BEIRUT (R) — The bodies of two French soldiers killed in a gunfire ambush in Christian east Beirut last week were flownhome for burial Monday.

Lebanese Honour Guards presented arms as the flag-draped coffins of Lt. Christian Mondon and Warrant Officer Andre Cruz were put aboard a Lebanese army helicopter.

The French-designed Puma took the bodies from east Beirut's Tel Zaatar Air Strip to Larnaca, Cyprus, where a chartered plane was waiting to carry them to France.

A funeral service were held Gulf of Oman waters off the earlier for the two victims at the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah were now considered Maronite Catholic Church, Notre Dame, in east Beirut's suburban The sources, speaking on con-dition they not be identified, said district of Jamhour.

Information Minister Joseph it was now up to the UAE to Skaff pinned medals of the highmake sure that no explosives are est order to the two coffins on sown in its territorial waters and behalf of President Amin guard against "rogue mines" sur-Gemayel during the ceremony at Shipping sources said earlier

that the captain of a Liberianflagged tanker, the 413,158-ton Chevron South America, reported spotting a "black round object" at 6.40 a.m. (0340 GMT). They said unidentified U.S.

Navy warships were in the area, and radio monitors warned vessels to stay away. The captain, whose name was not disclosed, said the object was

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MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A

British mine-sweeping force de-

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ing object that had raised a mine

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British Naval sources said the

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about one metre in diameter "with three knobs." It was sighted in a major shipping channel, 48 kilometres off Dubai, and 32 kilometres from Iran-held Abu Musa Island.

Shipping sources said a British warship, HMS Brazen, was off Dubai and checked the suspicious object which turned out to be a tractor tyre.

The Royal Navy's minehunters and a similar French contingent had been checking since September the waters outside the Strait of Hormuz, the main waterway to the Gulf, where mine incidents had forced the Fujairah anchorage to close in August.

Officials at the Fujairah port. sking not to be named, confirmed that the British had completed sweeping a 100-squarekilometre tract. They said French vessels would continue to sweep waters to the north, off Khor Fakkan.

The U.S. Navy had used both anchorages to organise convoys of U.S.-flagged tankers and warships preparing to enter the Gulf. But mine threats forced the navy to find alternative rendezyous locations.

The French Navv has found nd exploded 11 mines, French diplomatic sources say British diplomats said the Royal Navy has located five. Officials at the Fujairah port could not confirm the figure. Iran has been blamed for sowing the explosives.

"The British Task Force has completed its operations in the Fujairah anchorage and determined that the mine threat was now minimal," said a British source, who could not be named under policy rules.

Mondon and Cruz were killed on Thursday. Gunmen in a speeding car raked the Frenchmen with automatic gunfire as

they shopped in east Beirut's Dora district A third French soldier, Pvt. Miguel Colignon, was gravely wounded in the attack. A spokes-

man at the Hotel Dieu Hospital said Monday Colignon's condition "continued to improve," but that his right arm and leg still were paralysed.

The three soldiers were French embassy guards.

A previously unknown faction, the Tanious Shahine Armed Group, claimed responsibility for the ambush in a typewritten Arabic statement delivered to a Western news agency in mainly Muslim west Beirut on Saturday.

The statement demanded the release of a convicted Lebanese terrorist. Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, from prison in France and said the assassination of the

Abdallah, believed to be leade of the underground Lebanes Armed Revolutionary Faction: known by the French acronyr

FARL, was sentenced to life prison in March. He was found guilty of con plicity in the murder of two fore

ign diplomats and the attempte murder of a third in Paris. However, the Lebanes

National Resistance Front, coalition of Syrian-backed leftifactions involved in guerrilla war fare against Israeli troops i. South Lebanon, denied on Mon day that the Tanious Shahin Group was responsible for the east Beirut ambush.

The statement said Taniou Shahine, a historic Lebanesi leader who fought against the colonial Ottoman regime in north Lebanon during World War l. is: name used by one of the front's cells. "The killers borrowed this name to cover up their crime," the statement said.

Group calls for Islamic Republic in Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) - Muslim fundamentalists called on the Lebanese people on Monday to set up an Islamic Republic and to elect one of four pro-tranian cler-

gy as president of Lebanon. The call, which analysts said showed growing Iranian influence on Lebanese Muslim fundamentalists, was made in leaflets handed out in mainly Muslim west Beirut and the Shi'ite Mus-

lim southern suburbs.

Gemayel, a Christian Maronite. is due to end his five-year term in September 1988.

The leaflets were signed by the Islamic Movement in Lebanon, a general term used by fundamentalists rather than a specific organisation, and carried photographs of the men it proposed should be president.

They were Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of m southern suburbs. the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party Lebanon's President Amin of God), Sheikh Mohammad

Medhi Shamseddine, vice-president of the Supreme Shi'ite Council, Sheikh Sadeq Al Musawi, a leading fundamentalist, and Sheikh Saed Shaaban, head of the Islamic Unification Movement (Tawheed).

The Islamic Movement in Lebanon announces the nomination of the scholars mentioned above and asks all citizens from all sects to elect one of them as president of the Islamic Republic in Lebanon," the leaflets said,

Freed Korean asks if he still has a job again," he said.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -One of the first things a South Korean diplomat who was abducted in Beirut wanted to know after being freed was whether he still had a job, a news report said Monday.

Yonhap, the Korean News Agency, said Do Chae-Sung feared he might have lost his job after 21 months in captivity and asked colleagues if he was still a Startled South Korean diplo-

mats replied that Mr. Do was still a government employee and had been promoted to first secretary rank, the agency said. He had

been a second secretary at the South Korean embassy in Beirut. Mr. Do, released last week, left Geneva early Monday for Seoul, where he was to be reunited with his wife, said Ahn

Myung-Soo, a South Korean official based in Geneva said.

Unidentified gunmen kidnapped Mr. Do at gunpoint from a not discuss his family or other Muslim west Beirut street on Jan. emotional matters because of the 31, 1986. The South Korean government

in ransom was paid for Mr. Do's release, but has not given any details on how he was freed. Following his release, Mr. Do flew from Beirut to Geneva. where a group of South Korean

correspondents interviewed him Sunday night. quickly from the trials of his the end of the year. captivity, but that he was exhausted. Yonhap said the diplo- he said.

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During the 15-minute interview, the diplomat said he would

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"I cannot stand tense circumsthas denied reports that \$1 million ances any longer because my health is not very good. Please understand me. I am not that eloquent either," he was quoted as saving.

Mr. Do said he had been reading Korean newspapers to catch up on events in his country and learned that South Korea will Mr. Do said he was recovering have presidential elections before

"I, too, will be able to vote,"

One of the first things Mr. Do did at the South Korean embassy in Geneva was to have a tradi-"I will be glad to see my family tional Korean meal.

Tolstoy relative testifies in Demjanjuk trial

TEL AVIV (AP) — A historian Leo Tolstoy testified in John Demjanjuk's Nazi war crimes trial Monday that millions of Soviets living in Nazi Germany during World War II were forcibly repatriated to the Soviet Union.

Defence witness Nikolai Tolstoy, 52, said many Soviet prisoners of war and forced labourers secution contends the defendant were "petrified" of being sent lied to hide a Nazi past.

back to the Soviet Union at the and relative of Russian novelist end of the war. He said thousands autoworker, is charged with committed suicide when faced with repatriation.

> back its claim that the Ukrainianborn Demjanjuk lied on a U.S. immigration application because he was afraid of being sent back

Demjanjuk, a retired Ohio being "Ivan the terrible," who operated gas chambers at the Treblinka camp in Nazi-occupied The defence called Tolstoy to Poland. About 850,000 people were killed at the camp in 1942 and 1943.

> Demjanjuk, 67, claims he is a victim of mistaken identity and was a prisoner of war in 1942 and 1943 at a camp in Chelm near Treblinka.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY'S EVENTS

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☆ Art exhibition for Kamal and Nidal Tabbal at Housing Bank Complex (un-til Nov. 21).

Exhibition of paintings and drawings of Randa C. Berouti at Petra Bank Art Gallery, Wadi Saqra (until Nov. 3)

Photographs exhibition by Mohammad Roumi at the French Cultural Centre (until Nov. 12).

□ Islamic Book exhibition at Yarmouk

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from Madaha and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. -5 p.m. Year-round Tel. 651760 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-

quities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.01 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official bolidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-zah, Jabal Luwerbdeh Opening hours: 10,00 a.m. + 130 p.m. and 3,00 p.m.-6,00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday linn, 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

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Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.
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Depression and cold front to cover entire country

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is currently affected by an atmospheric depression centred over until the middle of April 1988, Cyprus and accompanied by two cold fronts, according to a statement from the Meteorological Department.

The department's acting director, Mr. Rafiq Shaker said that the depression, which affected the northern regions of the Kingdom Monday morning, will extend later to cover all parts of the country causing rain and a drop in temperature. The depression, he said, will last until late Tuesday.

At the same time, the Public Security Department warned motorists to drive with extra care in southern regions, due to poor visibility from thick dust storms, especially around Maan.

The advent of the new depression coincided with the arrival in Amman of an American team whose members will take part in whose memoris on cloud seeding for experiments on cloud seeding for inducing rain, in accordance with an agreement recently signed between an American company and the Meteorological Department.

The team is due to begin opera-tions next week and will continue according to an official announcement. The object of this work, the announcement added, is to increase the number of clouds in

the sky, thus encouraging rain. It said that the experiments will be carried out by special aircraft. which will be spraying silver nitrate powder in the sky, and through a land station, which will direct the powder towards clouds.

According to the announce-ment, the American team will train local personnel to carry out the operations, which are expected to cost some \$500,000 to be covered jointly by the Meteorological Department and the Ministry of Planning.

The Cabinet last Monday announced its approval of an agreement with the American company for the cloud-seeding operations. Similar experiments were conducted in Jordan between 1986 and 1987 with encouraging results.

Housing Corporation director returns after capitals panel

AMMAN (J.T.) - Shafiq Zawaideh, director-general of the Housing Corporation, returned to Amman Monday after taking part in a conference of officials in charge of municipal services in the world's capital cities that ended in Ottawa, Canada, on Oct.

Delegates from 80 countries took part in the five-day meeting, during which problems plaguing world capitals were discussed, according to Mr. Zawaideh. The participants reviewed solutions

for problems impeding municipal and public services and discussed means for exchanging expertise and information about housing, communications and development, Mr. Zawaideh added.

He said that the conference, which elected Jordan as member of its executive committee, decided to hold the next meeting in 1990 in Senegal. Mr. Zawaideh was accompanied by representatives of the Greater Amman Municipal Council.

Haj Hassan corrects figure on illegal Arab workers

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan on Monday disowned a remark attributed to him that there were 80,000 Arab nationals working illegally in

"The number of workers among our Egyptian and Syrian brothers working illegally in Jordan is a little over 50 per cent of that figure," the minister said in a statement to the Jordan Times. The rest are working here legally and according to our laws, and as such, we welcome them and

the minister added. He was responding to a Reuter report carried in the Jordan Times on Monday. The report quoted the minister as saying that there were over 80,000 illegal workers, 70,000 of them Egyptian and the rest Syrian.

their contribution to the coun-

Mr. Haj Hassan reaffirmed his ministry's position that despite Jordan's appreciation of Arab and other foreign workers, those working illegally would still face deportation.

In his statement, Mr. Haj Hassan said official figures for unemployed Jordanians stood at 40,000 and not 55,000 as some officials were quoted by Reuter as saying. The official figure of 40,000 represents eight per cent of the total work force in the Kingdom, the minister said. "It is according to the latest figures until October,' the minister added, affirming Jordan expects the figure to drop in the next couple of years.

King, Crown Prince and Rifai hold talks with Howe

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boosting the region's economy. Prince Hassan spoke about Jordan's role in supporting the steadfastness of the Arab people under Israeli occupation and discussed with Mr. Howe prospects of cooperation between Arab countries and the European Community in providing economic assistance to the occupied territories.

Mr. Masri attended the meeting. Mr. Rifai also met with Mr. Howe on Monday told the British secretary that peace in the Middle East could be achieved only through an international conference to be held under U.N. auspices and attended by all members of the Security Council and ali involved in the Arab-Israeli

Mr. Rifai also reviewed with Mr. Howe current efforts of implementing Security Council Resolution 598 to bring about peace in the Gulf.

Mr. Howe was quoted by Petra as saying that his country was keen on supporting efforts designed to establish peace, and appreciates King Hussein's efforts in this respect. He also reaffirmed Britain's support for holding an international conference for arriving at a lasting and just

Arab-Israeli settlement. The British secretary called for supporting efforts to seek an end to the Gulf war through the implementation of Resolution 598. Both the prime minister and Mr. Howe voiced satisfaction with the development of Jordanian-British relations. The meeting was in the presence of the British ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Arthur John Coles, and the Jordanian ambassador to the United Kingdom, Dr. Albert Butros.

Mr. Howe was on Monday briefed on Jordan's economic and social plan for the Israeli-occupied territories during a meeting with Minister of Planning Taher

Dr. Kanaan spoke about Jordan's development plans and expressed appreciation of Britain

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Prime Minister Zaid Rifai meets British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on Monday (Petra photo)

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for its contribution in their implementation. Dr. Kanaan laid special emphasis on the deteriorating economic and social conditions for Arabs under Israeli rule in the in the occupied territories, the occupied Arab lands and Israel's continued attempts to link the territories with the Israeli economy and making West Bank and Gaza a consumer market for Israeli products. Israel's exports to the occupied Arab territories constitute 10 per cent of Israel's total exports, the minister

pointed out. Dr. Kanaan also referred to Israel's arbitrary measures against the Arab population and said Israel had forced some 400,000 Arabs to abandon their homeland since the 1967 war, in addition to nearly 250,000 before

The minister also spoke about the suffering of Palestinian farmers due to Israel's oppressive army chief of staff and the commeasures that prevent them from drilling artesian wells and Air Force were present at the through confiscation of agricultu-

Howe calls on Moscow to join arms embargo on Iran

Jordan needs nearly \$180 million to help finance its economic and social development projects minister noted.

Mr. Howe expressed understanding of the situation in the occupied territories and said the British government intends to increase the volume of its loans to Jordan by 50 per cent to £15 million during the implementation of the 1986-1990 five-year national development plan. The meeting was attended by Planning Ministry officials and the British ambassador to Jordan.

Mr. Howe later conferred with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. Petra said the discussions centred on a number of matters of mutual concern. The mander of the Royal Jordanian meeting.

Mrs. Howe visits institute for deaf in Salt, VTC centre in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) - The wife of visiting British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe, Mrs. Elspeth Howe, on Monday visited Salt and called at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, where she was briefed by the director on the institute's activities since its establishment in 1964.

Nearly 100 children with hearing problems benefit from the institute's activities and programmes at the elementary and preparatory school stages and in vocational training, according to the institute's director, Andrew L. de Carpentier. He said that the institute had created two production units for carpentry and automechanics, providing work for the handicapped trainees.

Following her visit to the insti-tute. Mrs. Howe called at the Amman health and vocational safety centre operated by the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC). There, she met with Dr. Munther Al Masri, the VTC director, and heard a briefing on the centre's services. Mrs. Howe



during a Monday visit to Salt views equipment in a production unit at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. The institute's programmes and activitiés benefit nearly 100 children with hearing problems (Petra

inspected work on a new building for the centre, which will include training halls and laboratories. The centre receives financial

assistance, as well as equipment

and expertise from the British government. The wife of the British ambassador to Jordan, Mrs. Anne Coles accompanied the distinguished guest on her tour.

Swedish Institute for Child Health and Development marks first anniversary

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Swedish Institute for Child Health and Development (Radda Barnen), one of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) projects, marked its first anniversary with a celebration on Monday.

The celebration, held at the institute's building in Sweileh, was attended by the staff as well as the staff of the NHF.

In its twelfth month of opera tion, the Institute for Child Health and Development is comorised of three main units: the Mother and Child Health Instruction (MCH) Unit, the Child Development Unit, and the

Epidemiological Research Unit. Plans for the future include the creation of a mobile team of instructors, health education and Since the inception of the

MCH unit, 206 pregnant women have been registered and followed up at the institute's antenatal unit, one third of whom have already delivered healthy babies. Moreover, 750 preschool children from the Sweileh area were registered, and all receive continuous health supervision and any required treatment for common diseases.

One-hundred children, 12.3 per cent of the total number of children registered at the institute, were found to have functional disorders such as speech delay, behavioural deviances, suspected mental retardation. enuresis and encopresis. Some of these cases were attended to at the institute and some were referred to other specialised institu-

A number of children have been referred to the institute for evaluation of neurodevelopmental disorders or physical and mental handicaps.

The institute, which currently operates from a rented building in Sweileh, expects to begin construction on a new premises in Sweileh which should be ready for use in autumn 1988.

Religious, charitable activities planned for Prophet's birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs issued a statement on the eve of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday urging all of the faithful to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet and to abide by religious guidelines.

the duty of all Arabs and Muslims to work for the liberation of Al Agsa Mosque and the other holy sbrines in Årab Jerusalem, which is now under the occupation.

The statement expressed hope that the coming extraordinary Arab summit will help Arab leaders achieve the aspirations of their nation. The statement coincided with

an announcement about religious ceremonies which will be held at the Al Husseini Mosque in Amman on Tuesday to mark the holy occasion. The announcement by the

Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs said that prominent Muslim preachers and scholars will deliver speeches during the cere-mony, which will also include prayers.

According to the ministry's acting under-secretary, Ahmad Hilayel, on this occasion the

The statement added that it is ministry will inaugurate a number of economic and social projects. lay the foundation stones for a number of other projects and organise campaigns for distributing assistance to the needy families. Similar celebrations and activities will be held in different parts of the country. Dr. Hilayel

> On the eve of the celebrations, it was announced that restoration work has been completed at Al Husseini Mosque, so it is now ready for the religious ceremonies. The mosque was built during the reign of King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of

The restoration work included enlarging parts of the building. laying electric cables to enhance the lighting and redecoration of the mosque's interior. According to a ministry official, the restoration work cost JD 100,000.



Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat on Mooday presents his ministry's official announcement regarding celebrations and charitable activities on the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday (Petra photo)

Jordan to observe Int'l Volunteering Day

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan, along with the international community, will observe International Volunteering Day on Dec. 5, in response to a resolution by the 40th United Nations General Assembly.

This decision was taken at a meeting of a committee set up by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, which will supervise activities and programmes marking the occasion.

A spokesman for the ministry said that the committee will distribute awards to 25 charitable and voluntary societies and will set up charity bazaars to exhibit the work of these societies.

In addition, there will be book exhibitions displaying works on voluntary and social work in the Kingdom and a seminar on the functions of voluntary societies.

The committee is comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the General Union of Voluntary Societies and the General Union of Jordanian

Gorbachev seeks space weapons ban

(Continued from page 1) (INF) and discuss the next steps towards disarmament. The agreement came only a

week after the Soviet leader had declined to set a date for the summit when told by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz there could be no guarantee of accord on the strategic weapons issue.

Offering a possible clue to his shift, Mr. Gorbachev told Monday's meeting Soviet foreign policy was "permeated with a commitment to dialogue, a frank and honest dialogue....' Soviet officials said earlier the

road to the summit — to be followed by a Reagan visit to Moscow next year - had been cleared when Washington agreed that strategic and space arms and the linked 1972 ABM treaty would be discussed in detail. In his speech, to an audience

including leaders of many Communist states, Mr. Gorbachev said the INF treaty would be "the first tangible step along the path of scrapping nuclear arsenals." The accord, final details of

which are under negotiation, will show that it is in fact possible to advance in this direction.

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n its power to sustain the nomentum towards an internaional conference," Mr. Howe aid in an opening statement at the news conference. "The Tagedy of the Arab-Israeli conlict," he said, "is that we have he negotiating framework, we lave the principles, we have the players, and we all know what the ssues are... what is still lacking in the region and outside is the

Pacity to match King Hussein's

(Continued from page 1) best way, indeed the only way, forward." He said Britain supcorted the right of the Palestinian

> Replying to a question, Mr. Howe said the United States had backed "the objective" of the international conference but that "it is no secret there are two views within the government of Israel" on the question of convening the conference. He said that "in the end. I believe the day for the conference (to be held)

Asked about developments in his country's relations with Syria. Mr. Howe said London broke diplomatic ties with Damascus over alleged Syrian involvement in an attempted attack in London cample and to make that leap of last year. He said a change in

the imagination, that act of courage and political will to bring all concerned to the negotiating of terrorist attacks." He said that removing the Abu Nidal group from Damascus was a move in that direction but added

> ing measures of repudiation." rorism as an instrument of

He did not comment on the recent change of government in Syria saying that Britain would only consider ties when Damascus gives a clear evidence of refraining from the use of "ter-

that "we look for more convinc-

However, he acknowledged that Syria "has a part to play" in possible future settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. "It is hard to see such a solution without her (Syria)." he said.

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Putting things in perspective

BY demanding punitive measures against Iran for its refusal to accept and abide by the United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, the American ambassador to the U.N., General Vernon Walters, is showing yet another unique aspect of U.S. policy towards global conflicts. Directly concerned as we are in seeking an end to the bloodletting in the Gulf, and aware as we are of the threatening nature of Iran's expansionist ambitions in the region, we cannot but support the American call. This call can be viewed as a landmark for American policymakers in that it is the first time in recent history that the U.S. is citing the legal parameters that support its demand for punishing Iran. Gen. Walters offered Article Seven of United Nations Charter as the basis for his plea. Article Seven provides for a series of measures, "including the use of armed forces, against someone who doesn't accept a mandatory resolution of the Security Council," said Gen. Walters in a reference to Resolution 598 which calls for an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war and peaceful negotiations to end the seven-year-old conflict. "...If Iran rejects (Resolution 598), then we shall have to go under Article Seven," he said.

We are, of course, relieved to note the American enthusiasm for seeking an end to the Gulf war. But, having said that, and while we wait for Washington to make good on its call, we must address the paramount issue of the unbreakable linkage between peace in the Gulf region and Palestine. In addition to recognising that the logic of Article Seven of the U.N. Charter could also be applied to the case of Israel, which has been steadily refusing to abide by the numerous Security Council resolutions on the Palestinian problem, Washington policymakers should also realise that there is an element of illogic in their stand. Much as we like to see the Soviet Union join the rest of the Security Council members in imposing an arms embargo on Iran, we would also like to see Washington allow Moscow to assume its role in efforts to settle the Palestinian problem. There is no doubt that the Soviet Union, along with us in the Arab World, cannot overlook the indivisibility of peace in the Gulf and settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Washington should realise that its concern to preserve "big power unity" — of the five permanent members of the Security Council — in the context of U.N. action against Iran should As we have seen in the past, the American concern seems to disappear when it comes to the issue of an international conference on the Middle East with the participation of the big five, and the readymade U.S. statement is that Moscow has

"not yet qualified" to take its seat in the proposed forum. We call on the U.S. president and the Soviet leader, who are to meet in Washington on Dec. 7, to put things in the right perspective and treat both issues of the Middle East region the Gulf war as well as the Arab-Israeli conflict - within the spirit of detente and clear the way for decisive action towards our cherished goal of peace and stability after decades of war

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra i: King reiterates Jordan's stand

KING Hussein was keen on reiterating Jordan's firm stand with regard to a permanent peace and the return of all usurped lands to their lawful owners during a ceremony for graduating a new batch of army officers. The King said that Jordan seeks to regain Arab rights in Jerusalem and hopes to see Arab banners raised on the hills of the holy city. The King told the new officers that the armed forces form a shield protecting the Arab Nation in the face of aggression, and serves as an instrument for preserving Arab dignity and Arab identity. Building the Arab forces, the King said, aims at preparing the ground for regaining the usurped lands and fending off further acts of aggression so that the Arab masses can lead a dignified life and enjoy security and peace. The peace which Jordan seeks to achieve he said, cannot be based on injustice; and any peace imposed by force and arrogance is a capitulation and surrender to the enemy which now occupies Arab land and deprives the region of stability and peace. Jordan and the Arabs want peace that can end occupation and oppression and all torms of Judaisation of Arab and Islamic land and holy places. The King said that Jordan which had inherited the principles and the mission of the Great Arab Revolt seeks to unify the Arabs and strengthen their stand at the coming extraordinary summit meeting. It is a mission which Jordan is implementing to put an end to aggression on this nation and end for ever the state of divisions among Arab countries.

Al Dustour: Jordan committed to Arab solidarity

KING Hussein's address to the graduates of the military academy in Amman on Sunday manifested Jordan's commitment towards building up an intrinsic Arab force and continuing efforts for rallying the Arabs and strengthening their ranks. In unifying the Arab ranks, the King said. Jordan seeks to liberate usurped territories and restore the rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland. These are Jordan's national commitments and priorities which it has been striving to achieve. Above all, Jordan along with the Arab countries has been seeking peace based on justice and a peace that can bring about stability and return of the rights and the lands of the Palestinian people. The King in his speech made it clear that the armed forces which form a shield protecting the Arab Nation will carry out the mission of the Great Arab Revolt in providing help to all Arabs anywhere, whenever there is need to liberate Arab land. The King expressed hope that the coming extraordinary Arab summit meeting will help the Arab Nation rally its forces and work for liberating Arab territory usurped by common enemy. He said Jordan will continue to seek peace but at the same time, will build the Arab force to help regain usarped land.

The View from Second Circle

Old enemies, ancient identity and summitry

ARAB summitry season is upon us once again, so herewith some thoughts — looking backwards and forwards — on the meaning of it all. It is appropriate that the emergency Arab summit being held here next week will be convened in 1987 - 800 years after Salaheddin (Saladin) liberated Jerusalem from Crusader control, and unified the eastern and western wings of the Arab World. Salaheddin, a Kurdish Muslim, liberated Jerusalem from the Crusader kings in the late summer of 1187. He laid siege to the city on Sept. 20, and finally accepted its surrender on Oct. 2. Our 1987 summit opens on Nov. 8, or 37 days after the precise 800th anniversary of Salaheddin's liberation of Jerusalem.

This summit was called initially to deal with the worrying situation in the Gulf, where the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war has started to embroil the United States, Kuwait and other regional and foreign parties. It is interesting that Salaheddin battled an enemy to the west, while now the Arab World is preoccupied with an enemy to the east. The geography changes. The threats seem simply to keep on coming

The assembled Arab leaders at the summit, and the people of the Arab World at large, might find solace in recalling the triumphs of Salaheddin. I certainly do. But it would be escapist simply to revert to our past glories. The summit should be an opportunity to deal honestly with the real threats and challenges facing the Arab World, and, more importantly, to identify the root causes of what makes us so vulnerable to external and internal forces.

I would suggest that the threat from a hostile Iran, which is so widely perceived these days in the Arab World, should not be our sole or even our main preoccupation. For the Arab dilemma with the Iranian brand of political activism and militarism is, in its essence, symptomatic of our weaknesses and vulnerabilities, and not a cause of them. Iran has brought us to our present point of concern and worry because we are, and long have been, susceptible to external threats and internal turbulence.

The really important analogy with the days of Salaheddin is that Salaheddin faced a single enemy from the west, while today we are faced with two simultaneous threats, from both the east (Iran) and the west (Israel). In 800 years, of which about 400 were under Ottoman rule and another 30-40, on a rough average, were under French. British or Italian administration this century, we have slipped back rather badly. The states of the Arab World have all. except Palestine, achieved independence; and most of them, with the exception of perhaps Iraq, Syria and Egypt (and, while we're in the neighbourhood. Turkey and Iran), are modern creations whose geographical boundaries and ethnic/demographic make-up are not necessarily rooted in an appreciable tradition of national identity. geo-political logic or economic rationality. Such is the reality of the making of 20th Century states, in the Arab World and many other regions of the globe, notably Africa.

Let us take stock: Israel occupies all of Palestine, and parts of Sinai and the Syrian Golan Heights. It has pacified, formally demilitarised or effectively controlled large segments of adjacent Arab lands belonging to otherwise sovereign states. It routinely dictates the terms of military sales by the United States to Arab countries as far away as the Gulf. It has a major influence on the Middle Eastern policy of the two superpowers - the United States and the Soviet Union - and freely reserves the right to meddle in internal matters in both countries, when the Middle East or the Jewish people are concerned. It freely aids other ethnic, political or national forces throughout the region if such aid can help maintain disunity and friction among the Arabs. It brazenly uses surrogate forces in South Lebanon, and routinely ignores the will of the international community as expressed in the decisions and peacekeeping forces of the United Nations.

In contrast, the combined economic, demographic, moral and military forces of the Arab World have been unable to respond effectively to the Israeli challenge. We offer a negotiated peace, and we accept a semi-independent Palestinian state in one-fourth of Palestine, and yet there is no response from Israel, and not much better from the United States. We are immobilised in a long and frustrating stalemate with Israel, seemingly unable to make war or

And then, we are thrust into the battle with Iran. Some Arab states support Iran. Others can do little but offer Iraq moral support. The over \$100 billion the Arab World has spent on military training and arms during the past 15 years seem incongruously insufficient, in the face of the dual threats from east and west. When the Iranians become uncomfortably menacing or destructive, some of us turn for help to the United States Navy, or to European powers, or, to ship our oil exports, to the Soviet

Clearly, the scripture of contemporary Arab nationhood has somehow let us down. Our sovereignty is ravaged, our souls dulled, our spirit stifled. We warn one another about the dangers of an Israeli-Iranian-American plot to dismember the Arab World into small, controllable ethnic-based entities; but we refuse to accept the reality - or the fact of Lebanon, shattered, poor Lebanon - that ethnicity has permeated the Arab body politic since at least the late 1960s. We warn against that which has engulfed us for almost several decades, and with each decade the warnings become somehow less fervent, for the reality becomes somehow less

We are conforted, in the end, always, passionately, and genuinely, by the depth of Arab/Muslim identity. It remains impervious to past catastrophes, immediate challenges or future threats. It is so strong, so real, so full of succor, that it fortifies us even in the worst of times. In the 20th century world of sovereign states, and of statelets with less than a million people, it gives us that vital fallback position that is so necessary for people and communities engaged in struggle with enemies they cannot easily vanquish. Its highest expression, in an Arab terrain where flags, frontiers and passports matter, is an Arab summit.

Arab summits have never provided major turning points in modern Arab history. They have always been important for what they symbolise, rather than for what they do. They symbolise common identity, and the widespread hopes and expectations o millions of Arab men and women for common Arab action, This summit is no different. That's why the memory of what Salaheddi did 800 years and 37 days ago is so important.

It is important, in fact, to recall that we were faced before in our history with foreign occupiers of Jerusalem, or with menacing forces from Iran. The fact of historical victories, of past liberation of ancient Arab struggles and episodes of decisiveness, are important to us today. They are very much part of our identity, and of our national legacy. Like the Jewish people who take great pride in the fact that they never forgot, so do we value our heritage, and the exploits of our ancestors on this land. It is a very natural and human phenomenon, and effective antidote for the slippage of the past 800 years and 37 days.

But it is not enough. To recall is not sufficient. There is no real purposefullness in memory, even in the exalted brand of national memory. The gravity of the fractiousness within the Arab World and of the directionlessness of the ordinary Arab man and woman demands a dynamism that cannot be fired only by acts of remembering, or kindled by the power of even the impressive strain of Arab identity.

Summitry is useful, even admirable, and psychologically important. It remains, in an age of statehood, sovereignty and judicial punctilio, perhaps the highest affirmation of national Arab identity, of the concept of Arabism which still excites and defines the minds and hearts of many millions of Arabs. But it remains a fact that the people of the Arab World - the ordinary people, the taxi drivers farmers, school teachers and poets, the children who recite moving poems with flailing arms and rising voices, the flafel-makers, the grocers, the teachers and street-sweepers - the people of the Arab World are painfully aware that the exercise of the concept of Arah summitry since it was born in the early 1960s has parallelled one of the Arab World's greatest periods of political decline, confusion. violence and discord: a period also when vast, almost incomprehensible, economic resources were insufficiently or inappropriately used, and when the processes of nation-building, socio-economic growth and military development have brought us to the point where when we face two serious threats from east and west, we respond, in part, by asking for help from a United States which gives our western threat. Israel, \$3 billion a year, and which up to 18 months ago sold arms to our eastern threat, Iran; and we respond, in part, by calling in the American navy which only four years ago was anchored off the shores of Lebanon lobbing its. explosive shells into mountains inhabited by, well, by Arabs.

The identity screams in pain, and begs for relief. That relief can only come from within, from Arab resources, from our own sense of who we are and whence we derive strength, self-confidence and activism, from millions of Arab children who proudly study the schoolbook lessons of Salaheddin, and who ask their elders what it all means, and perhaps even from the elders themselves, who would ask the same questions.

Deng Xiaoping survived Mao to modernise China

PEKING (R) — Deng Xiaoping, who stepped down from the aim of Socialism was to make Communist Party's central committee on Sunday, survived political ignominy at the hands of Mao Tsetung's red guards and the wrath of Mao's widow to drag

China into the modern world.

Rejecting Mao's extreme radicalism, he showed a pragmatism along controlled capitalist lines which became enshrined in his 1961 homily: "It doesn't matter if the cat is black or white, so long as it catches mice.

His words were used against him six years later when zealots of Mao's cultural revolution branded him a "capitalist roader" for advocating cash incentives to stimulate production.

Deng, then party general secretary, was hurled into political oblivion, but resurfaced as a vice-premier in 1973 and took control of the government in 1974 when Premier Chou Enlai was found to have cancer.

In 1976 Mao once more used the "black, white cat" theme to strip Deng of his posts. But Mao died on September 9, 1976, nine months after Chou, and the notorious "gang of four" radical leftists, led by Mao's fiery widow Jian Qiang and largely responsible for the excesses of the cultural revolution, were soon under

Deng bounced back in 1977 to ake control of a demoralised Communist party and set China firmly on the path towards economic modernisation. His message was: "Work hard and you'll be better off" - a daring departure from the egalitarian policies of

the past. He ended decades of xenophobic seclusion, opening China to foreigners to get the technology and investment needed to modernise. In 1982 he announced plans to quadruple economic output by the end of the century. Five years later analysts said he was well on target.

Under his economic reforms China's one billion peasants and city dwellers enjoyed freedom to strive as individuals for a better life, spawning private businesses offering goods and services superior to those of state-run enterprises.

Instead of singing the praises of selfless Socialist workers, the official press highlighted news of individuals getting rich — though some said millionaires would not be tolerated. One young woman chicken far-

mer became a media star when she bought her own car - a wild dream for most Chinese whose first priority is still a bicycle. Deng ordered a shake-up of

he feather-bedded, inefficient state industry sector and coined the once unthinkable slogan: 'Time is money. Efficiency is

Soviet rift. But while professing that the was forced to write a self-criticism "confessing" that he had not China rich, he stressed he would

of capitalism. In June 1987 he said: "Our reform cannot depart from Socialism, it cannot be accomplished without the leadership of the Communist Party. Socialism in developing China's economy and party leadership are interrelated. They cannot be separated from each other."

not swallow wholesale the ways

At the same time he disclosed his doubts about China's readiness for democracy.

He said: "China is such a huge country with such an enormous population, so many nationalities and such varied conditions that it is not yet possible to hold direct elections at higher levels. Furthermore, the people's educational level is too low.

His remarks echoed a speech he made in December 1986 to party leaders after students across China demonstrated for democracy in protests which later led to the dismissal of then party chief Hu Yaobang.

We cannot do without dictatorship. We must not only affirm the need for it but exercise it when necessary. Of course we must be cautious about resorting to dictatorial means and make as few arrests as possible," he said.

Deng Xiaoping was born on August 22, 1904, in Guang'an, Sichuan Province. His association with left-wing ideas began early and from 1920 to 1925 he was in France with other young leftists under a "study and work" prog-

In 1926 he studied in Moscow, returning to China the same year to play a minor role in the Communist cause before working in the party apparatus in Shanghai then joining the Jiangxi Province Communist Soviet where Mao and Chou were at the time.

Deng took part in Mao's 1934-35 historic "long march" with thousands of Communists which foreshadowed the end of Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist regime and the establishment of a Communist state.

He rose through the Red Army ranks during Japan's occupation of much of China in the 1940s and was a political commissar in a key Communist division fighting in

Deng was first elected to the central committee in 1945 and was given administrative responsibility over his native southwest after Mao declared the People's Republic of China in 1949.

In 1952 he was promoted to vice-premier, became finance minister in 1953, a full member of the politburo in 1956 and remained in Mao's inner cabinet until he was first toppled from power in 1967.

He also played a major role in foreign policy, accompanying Mao to Moscow in 1957 and

returning there in 1963 in a vain attempt to heal the bitter Sino-At the time of his first purge he

lifted the banner of Mao Tsetung thought. His family had to testify against him and shared his dis-His elder son. Deng Pufang, was crippled by Red Guards who threw him from a window of Peking University. Confined to a

a spokesman for China's hand-When Chou Enlai died in 1976 Deng was widely expected to step into his shoes but Madame Mao and her radical allies launched a

wheelchair he eventually became

fierce attack to block the "capitalist roader. The power struggle peaked in Peking's Tiananmen Square where protests erupted when the authorities removed wreaths in memory of the widely revered

Chou. They were blamed on pro-

Deng "class enemies." Deng was again sacked and denounced and the little-known security minister Hua Guofeng was made premier and, as Mao's chosen successor, later party

After Mao's death and the end of the "gang of four" Deng made his second rehabilitation, returning in August 1977 alongside Chairman Hua, absolved of blame for the Tienanmen riots. Slowly but surely eroding Hua's power base. Deng ousted him as party chief in June 1981 in

favour of Hu Yaobang. Hu resigned in January after being accused of ideological errors. It is believed Deng stayed loyal to his protege but had to bow to pressure from hardliners in the leadership.

Deng himself has declined the nation's top posts except for the key job as chairman of the party's military commission, holding effective control over the threemillion strong armed forces.

He clearly believes his revolutionary credentials are needed to deal on equal terms with the old men at the top of the People's Liberation Army still clinging to Mao's orthodoxy. Western diplomats have pre-

dicted that, although no longer a central committee member. Deng will remain as military commission chairman. Little is known of Deng's per-

sonal life — he has strictly avoided the personal cult created by Mao - but he and his wife. Zhou Lin, have two sons, three daughters and at least two grandchildren.

He is a heavy smoker and stands just over five feet (1.50 metres) tall.

In a rare newspaper interview in May 1987, his daughter, Deng Lin. said bridge, denounced once by Mao's wife as a bourgeois pastime, Peking opera and soccer were her father's lifelong pas-

Bulls, bears and parallels with 1929

The psychological causes and the economic effects of the chaos in the world's stockmarkets are analysed by Anatole Kaletsky in New York.

to be raised about the mid-Octo- economy with lower interest ber crash of the world's stockmar- rates. kets is the obverse of the one put by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The point is not to rationalise the stockmarket collapse, but to see how much was "rational" about the preceding upswing.

There are two broad ways of of fundamental economic forces and of the market's own historic

trends and cycles. The bullish view of U.S. and world economic prospects is familiar and reasonably convincing, especially in the short-term. Growth appears to be accelerating, but not so rapidly as to raise serious dangers of inflation, and corporate profits are rising by about 17 per cent this year, with equal gains expected in 1988. The U.S. manufacturing sector, in particular, is recovering rapidly because of the devalued dollar, and much of the prospective U.S. economic growth is likely to come from higher exports.

To set against these favourable short-term prospects, there are the well-known longer-range dilemmas: the dollar and the trade deficit, the stalemate on the budget and the dilemmas of monetary policy with a new chairman at the Federal Reserve. Now, it is arguable that two of

these three problems — the trade balance and the dilemma of monetary policy — have sharpened in the last two months. The U.S. trade figures in mid-October proved rather worse than expected and the threats from Mr. James Baker, the U.S. Treasury Secretary, about devaluing the dollar certainly rattled international investors. Meanwhile, the past two months of financial chaos have certainly not enhanced investors' faith in Mr. Alan Greenspan's talents as a monetary fine tuner. But none of these developments seem anything like significant enough to have aborted the bull market. There is another, much darker, cloud that could soon appear on the macroeconomic horizon, but whether the bull market really has expired.

The stockmarket has always been considered one of the best leading indicators of turning points in the economy and if the market now enters a sustained downtrend, previous experience the current bull market started in would suggest that a recession may not be far ahead.

In each of the 10 U.S. economic cycles since 1929, the stockmarket peak has been followed, an average of six months later, by a recession exceeded 13 months. If a recession did take hold in the foresecable future, the U.S. budget deficit would probably soar out of control and the dollar. would be all too likely to

THE OUESTION which needs as the Fed tried to support the

Indeed, if the stockmarket were looking for a disaster to happen, an early recession would seem to fit the bill much better than the inflationary over-heating which seems to have dominated the brokers' circulars.

There are two reasons for fears answering this question: In terms that the stockmarket crash could precipitate a recession well before the mid-1989 deadline which

most forecasters now agree on. The rapid growth of the U.S. economy since 1982 has largely been a function of a mysterious willingness by the American public to spend practically all its income, devoting a much lower proportion to savings than at any time since the aftermath of the Second World War.

The stockmarket boom has been the most plausible explanation for the collapse of U.S. personal savings. With stockmarket values growing almost fourfold from 1982 to the peak in August, it was hardly surprising that Americans felt less impelled than usual to save. But now that 36 per cent of the value of their equity savings has been wiped out. U.S. citizens could well return to somewhat thriftier habits. The deflationary impact of such a change in consumer behaviour

could be immense. A second powerful deflationary force could be unleashed on the corporate sector. Many American companies have become extremely highly leveraged as a result of the mania for mergers, stock buybacks and corporate restructurings, which has itself made a major contribution to the bull market. The backing for the ever-growing borrowing has been the rising market value of the corporations' equity.

An extended bear market could lead to insolvencies among the many over-borrowed companies which have been planning to sell off overvalued assets to service their debts.

But all such economic analysis leaves the biggest question unanswered: why assume that this is that will depend partly on the start of a bear market? With the Dow falling to levels it last saw in March 1986, perhaps the groundwork is being laid for another glorious rally. Or is the market likelier to fall towards the low of 1087 it hit in July 1984, or even the 776 trough from which August, 1982? History offers some clues.

First there is the valuation of shares relative to dividends and earnings. Every time that the divided yield on the Dow Jones Industrial Average has dropped below 3 per cent. a bear market has followed. On August 25, the yield on the Dow was 2.59 per this level, to 3.07

per cent, was at the top of th go-go market of 1973. The pice earnings ratio on the Standard? Poor 500 Index tells the sam story. This figure was 23, base on current earnings, on Augus 25. The last time it traded abow * 16 before the latest market cycle was at the peak of the 1973 but market. Apart from the late 1920s, the price-earnings rate had never before riser as high a

Corporate earnings are enpected to grow 15 to 20 per cen next year, assuming no recession But sooner or later a recessio will hit and earnings will not g Ca S S on rising forever. Thus, eve valuing companies on the basis consustainable prospective earning never seemed likely, at the ma ket's August peak, to reducing price-earnings ratios to traditi tionally acceptable levels. Wh then did the market go on biddin prices ever higher?

After the events of the last fe. days, even the staidest commer tators are talking about the tesemblances between events th autumn and the crash of 1921 Strangely, however, the mooutspoken bulls were never shy bringing this comparison to inve tors' attention. They alway thought a 1909-style debacle wilikely. They simply argued the 1929 would happen in 1988. 19 or even 1990 and that for them. least there would be plenty. time to take profits.

In the event, it looks like 19. has happened. At the end of 1 debacle on "Black Monda! October 19, the Dow was off 30. per cent from its peak of Augu 55 days earlier. After Octob 29, the worst day of the 19. collapse, the index was down 30 per cent from the record it hads days earlier on September Admittedly the bull market of if 1920s had been even longer assteeper than that of the 1986. From August 1921 to Octob 1929, the Dow gained 495 P cent, against the 250 per cent. added in the five years fro. August 1982 to October this yes.

But if this is a reason ! predicting another huge surge the bull market, with a target 3,000 or even higher for the Do there is another, far more imply tant, side to the 1929 parall; From its peak of 381.17 September 1929, the Dow fell: a low of 41.2 three years later 3. the market did not regain its 15. level for 25 years.

Of course, the econon calamity of the Great Depressi is most unlikely to be repeal even if the present collapse do. turn into a prolonged bear III. ket. And there will certainly investors looking to buy shares present "bargain" levels in 1. hope of a final 1929-style cuph. ic upswing. The bulls are alm certainly right to argue that et a nomic policymakers have lear from the mistakes of the 1930s Financial Times news feature

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By Sarita Kendall

QUITO — Nearly all Latin American and Caribbean countries have now reported AIDS cases, and the struggle to design effective policies and educational programmes has begun. It became clear at an international conference on 'AIDS in the Americas," held here in mid-And the second s September, that most governments have accepted the gravity of the situation and the need for action, although the number of cases registered so far — 4,258 is only a tenth of those in North

> World experts were available to answer questions at the recent conference, organised by the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), and transmitted live to concerned groups in some 30 nations. The conference supplied up-to-date information for scientists, health workers and policy makers, as well as helping educate the general public, and it

search, drugs, health care and other related subjects.

At the conference, PAHO director, Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo, expressed the dilemma facing developing countries: "We have to find a way of continuing to make progress in public health. and at the same tieme deal with a totally new problem."

Although the upward-sweeping graphs forecasting the spread of AIDS did their work in raising awareness, there was a muttering about where the money is going to come from, despite the Quito declaration calling on governments to allocate part of arms expenditure and the foreign debt for strenthening health care prog-

The AIDS pattern in the region appears similar to the first stage in developed countries, involving a high percentage of homosexual and bisexual men. Latin American nations have so far reported few female cases. In the Cariballowed people from all over the bean, however, where the preva-

more women are affected. Brazil, with the second largest number of cases in the Western hemisphere (about 2,000), has published figures showing that nearly twothirds of those with AIDS are bisexual or homosexual males.

Blood transfusions are a major source of infection in Latin America, and most countries do not have the equipment or the organisatison needed to test all donors. Mexico stopped the sale of blood after finding that paid donors often came from high-risk groups. Now blood is tested for sero-positivity, and there are country, as well as returning campaigns to promote voluntary citizens, and the test is repeated

A high proportion of Costa Rica's haemophiliacs have AIDS and nearly 4 per cent of Brazil's AIDS cases are haemophiliaes. Brazilian blood donors are about carrying the AIDS virus than non-donors, and only a small proportion of blood transfusions

region to put questions on re- lence of AIDS is much higher, and more Latin Americans in hospital turn to family members if they need blood.

> Large-scale screening for HIV antibodies has raised a whole series of ethical and practical problems, as in other parts of the world. Ecuador's health minister, for example, announced that all foreigners entering the country would be tested, but then had to drop the policy because of the effect on tourism and the difficulty of enforcement.

Cuba, on the other hand, is already screening foreigners who will be studying or working in the six months later. Some countries have extended tests to prisoners, high-tisk groups and patients in clinics treating sexually transmitted diseases.

The Latin American media four times more likely to be have been giving AIDS plenty of space, and the dangers of AIDS have been publicised in several countries. Some hot-line teleare guaranteed HIV-free. More phone advisory services are in

But the long-term implications of AIDS are only just beginning to be acknowledged by public health authorities, and there is an enormous amount of educational work to be done - whether among the doctors reluctant to treat AIDS patients or prostitutes who ask for AIDS "vaccination" at health posts, or employers who sack homosexuals. PAHO, which has a special programme on AIDS, stresses that education is

the key to prevention. "To change sexual practices, in order to prevent AIDS, we need to use all channels and all available approaches, to society and to individuals." said Anthony Meyer of PAHO.

A delegate from Bolivia (which has only three registered cases) outlined efforts to train local health volunteers, and to integrate AIDS education into the primary health care network. But few public health authorities have primary health care networks capable of attempting such a task. Ignorance and fear have gener-

You pay what you

think at Mr. Kato's

hot spring spa

By Eric Hall

YUYA, Japan — At Mr. Kato's

hotel you relax in one of the

finest bot springs in central

Japan, dine off the best local

delicacies and sleep in the calm of

a rustic room, lulled by the near-

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Hironori Kato is a brave man.

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The top price one guest gave

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Inside, the visitor steps into an

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ated some bizarre reactions. In Colombia, a man with AIDS had to sit up every night, armed with a shotgun, to protect his family from vilagers who wanted to burn the house down to avoid "contamination." And in four Colombian cities gunmen have been executing transvestite prostitutes, on the assumption they are spreading the virus.

Perhaps the two most important lessons to emerge from the Ouito conference were these: The need to start now, to make up for lost time on what must be a long-term battle; and the fact that only a vast educational effort can lead to changes in sexual behaviour.

Although the outlook is grim, and Latin American data are still far too fragmentary for accurate forecasting, one indication at least shows that people are listening: Condom sales in Brazil increased by nearly 50 per cent during 1986, while street sellers in the city of Bogota say AIDS has done wonders for their condom business. — People features

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yen would be fair for a tasteful,

well-run hotel that is not, howev-

er, on a main tourist route.

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Fertile ground for crime and prostitution. For children the options are bleak — scavenging among the garbage or walking the streets of Manila (Photo by Denis Marchand)

From the garbage dump to hell

The following article is reprinted the "scavengers" will be able to from the IDRC Reports, the eat scraps of meat, fruits, or magazine of the Canadian International Development and Research Centre. The writer is a who visited Asia as part of a project of the Federation profesionnelle des journalistes du Quebec, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency.

By Denis Marchand

DRESSED in rags, thin and dir-ty, dozens of children pick through the pile of garbage in the it gave him the power to fly. Kato is reluctant to say what he middle of the immense municipal dump on the island of Cebu, in the Philippine archipelago. With each household. but he nods and smiles when it is their bare hands or using handsuggested that well over 10,000 crafted picks, they collect everything that looks as though it can be used or sold.

Each day, they and their pa-Such a floating price system is rents go through their paces. rare enough outside Japan, They feel at home in the garbage although some restaurants and dump of Inayawan. It is here that hotels in Europe and the United they eat, sleep, play, and, more importantly, work. States run their business in the

The hellish life, which would Inside Japan it flies against standard Japanese behaviour. make most of us shudder, is the lot of a great number of peasants Japanese tourists, as any foreign who, leaving the misery of the taxi driver who has cheated them countryside, converge on the will tell you, are notoriously shy cities, sustained by the hope of when it comes to haggling. They pay what they are asked. finding decent work and an adequate income. But factory Similarly, they are disturbed iobs are scarce and employment when they are not asked to pay anything.
"At first everyone was conout jobs, their meagre savings

disappear quickly. These rural ly different reactions. Some peoexiles soon find themselves conple thought I must be supremely demned to live by their wits. confident and the hotel a heaven on earth. Others thought the hotel must be very spartain if I was asking whatever they wanted to pay," said Kato. 'Sometimes I tear to impose of the earth they know so well, this system on people because it they live in uncertainty, gathering frightens them. So far I have tried the discards of a consumer not to give any hint as to what

society.

is their home.

Pieces of mental, scrap iron,

glass, plastic, paper, textiles,

animal bones, and scraps of food

represent the only hope of surviv-

vermin crawling all around them,

and the ubiquitous germs do not

Among the mountains of re-

fuse, a site has been reserved for

the makeshift residences of these

'workers". Usually built with

pieces of wood, cardboard, or

sheet metal, each house barely

has room for more than four

people, though the average num-

If fortune smiles on them at all,

ber per family is seven.

they should pay. But in some cases they find it so confusing they get upset and I have to give a hint," he said. Most of his guests are now regulars and pay reasonable rates. A glance though his recent receipts, however, shows many

fused. There were two complete-

people still paying as little as 2,000 yen each, not much more than the price of a cheap lunch in Tokvo. So why does he do it? "I don't really know myself but I started to think such an idea

could succeed and then suddenly I got the confidence that it would succeed," said Kato, who inherited the hotel from his father. Perhaps he just got tired of the

overt materialism of Japanese

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vegetables recovered from the piles of household garbage. Otherwise, they must settle for Canadian freelance journalist dried fish and a little corn. This poor diet, difficient in vitamins and protein, naturally causes major health problems among dump dwellers. Pregnant women in particular suffer from acute anemia. and the infant mortality rate is To avoid the internal bickering

that might poison their working environment, the "scavengers" have adopted a strict code. Work is done on an individual or family basis, and tacit agreements determine the rummaging area for Often, the men work more

than 16 hours a day with only a handful of pesos to show for it. The work goes on late into the night, by the light of kerosene lamps lit by men and children over 10 years of age.

The arrival of a garbage truck inevitably triggers excitement. Some people cling to the vehicle. while others hurry to surround the spot where the cargo will be

"Alas, the future prospects for these people are bleak," affirms Estella Astilla, a professor at San Carlos University in Cebu who, with IDRC funding, has examined the problems of these prospects far from bright for marginal populations. "The govthose without special skills. With- ernment has never really shown an interest in recycling raw materials, and even less the will to regulate this area. she says. Prisoners of the chronic poverty of To avoid starvation, these their families, the children in families are reduced to picking particular are threatened by sethrough the garbage, looking for rious social repercussions which something that can be resold. may well destroy their prospects

Indeed, the children live on fertile ground for crime and prostitution. Almost all of the children living in the garbage dump abandon their education once they've completed elementary school in order to pick through the mounds of refuse, beside their father and older brothers al for these "scavenger" families. and sisters. As they grow up, it is The smoke, the foul odours, the not uncommon for them to join bands of hired killers or to fall into the clutches of pimps who overly concern either the children take them as prostitutes to the tourist areas of Manila or near or the adults. The garbage dump the American military bases.

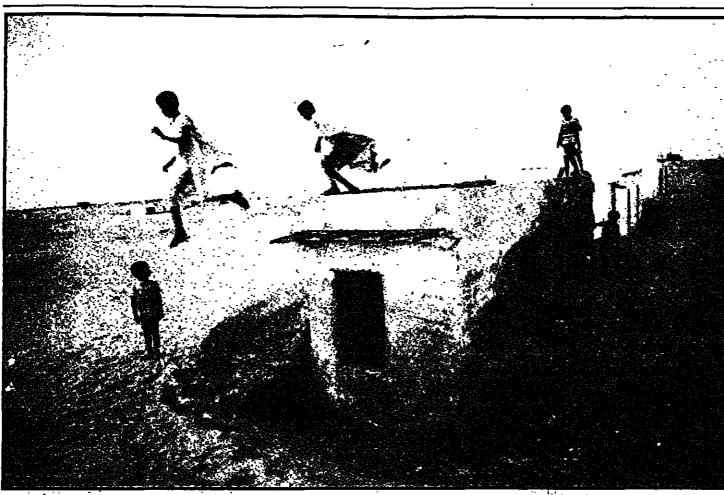
> Many children are recruited or kidnapped in this way, and some end up in foreign countries, knowing no one, with no money or means of defence, slaves of a child labour or prostitution ring. In effect, they leave the garbage dump to enter a world more

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on the southern rim of the Sahara in northern Africa. In Mauritania, one of the hardest-hit countries, sand is forcing people off the land and into shantvtowns.

Africa's stricken Sahel edges toward destruction

Using the encroaching desert as a giant sandbox, youngsters leap onto

the dunes that have forced the abandonment of these houses in

Mauritania. The creeping advance of the dunes is only one part of the

devastating drought that afflicts the Sahel, the 3,000-mile-wide region

National Geographic

WASHINGTON — The African Sahel, the southern rim of the Sahara, is experiencing one of history's most disruptive storms of social and environmental up-

"At its worst there is famine when tens of thousands of persons die, but always there is erosion of the family structure and a severance of the bonds of tribal traditions," William S. Ellis writes in the August National Geographic. "As for the land, much of that is dying and being put to rest in shrouds of sand."

The Sahel, land that is meant to carry seasonal grasses, stretches 3,000 miles, from Senegal in the west to Chad and parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Sudan in the east. It encompasses about 20 per cent of Africa's 11.7 million square miles.

Sahel countries hit hardest by the current drought are Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, and Sudan.

The first long siege of that drought lasted from 1968 to 1973. It is estimated to have killed as many as 250,000 people and 3.5 million cattle.

Along with the famine came increasing desertification, the process that dries up the Sahel's landscape, not uniformly but in patches. Rivers ran dry and lakes pulled back from their shores.

"Today the slide toward final destruction of viable nations continues in the Sahel," Ellis writes. "Severe drought and hunger flared anew in 1984 and 1985, and now the response of a usually caring world has become shaded with indifference. Call it compassion fatigue."

No Sahelian nation is more stricken than Mauritania, whose 400,000-square-mile expanse makes it almost as large as Spain and France combined.

Twenty years ago, half of Mauritania's children were born

in the desert. Today, nomadism is vanishing. Sand is taking over most of the country, burying villages and compressing more and more people into the capital of Nouakchott and surrounding shantytowns.

Contributing to the spread of the Sahel is the steady disappearance of trees and brush, victims of the pervasive demand for firewood.

"One of the most important things we have to do is to change the attitudes of the people so that they come to understand that trees are essential to their survival," Henrik Olesen, resident representative of the United Nations development Programme in Mauritania, told Ellis.

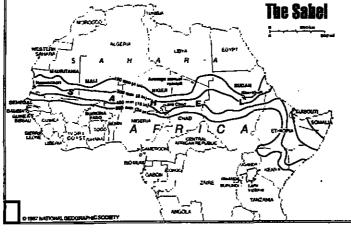
But for the average Sahelian, the need for firewood inspires his interest in trees. Between 80 and 90 per cent of all the energy consumed in the countries of the Sahel is derived from wood-

Even so, among the more successful international rehabilitation efforts in the Sahel have been reforestation programmes such as the one in Niger's Majia Valley. The project helps stop wind erosion and provides a new and valuable source of firewood.

Unfortunately, most outside efforts haven't worked nearly so well. "Most damaging of all was the failure of well-meaning benefactors to understand where the fundamental strength and wisdom of sub-Saharan Africa lies," Ellis writes.

"It is in the villages and rural areas, invested with the small farmer and the nomad and all the others who long ago fine-tuned their survival to the vagaries of the land. No use was made of this knowledge in planning strategies to prevent the permanent col-lapse of the Sahel."

Since 1968, the amount of outside effort to help the Sahel has totalled more than \$10 billion, including money for famine vic-



tims in the early 1970s and mid-1980s, two of the most noble rescue efforts of all times.

But the effort to halt desertification has, with the exception of the Majia Valley reforestation, been a spectacular failure. In two months of travelling the Sahel, Ellis did not find a single major success story.

"If the present rate of desertification continues, by the end of this century they may not be able to get firewood closer than 900 miles from some major cities, such as Khartoum in Sudan,' Mostafa K. Tolba, head of the United Nations Environmental Programme, told Ellis.

"It is a worldwide problem, and to stop it throughout the world would take 20 years of concerted effort at a cost of \$4.5 billion a year. The poor countries, such as those in the Sahel,

would require an additional \$2.4 billion. A lot of money, yes, but what we are losing today as a result of desertification amounts to \$26 billion a year."

Scientists often debate the question of possible climate changes as a result of desertification. There is still unsubstanti-

ated speculation that droughts might be largely man-made. But evidence points to cyclical droughts. Certainly, the rains have failed for long periods of time before in the Sahel.

One geologist, Farouk El Baz of Boston University, has written that 20,000 years ago the borders of the Sahara, the world's largest desert, were 300 miles farther south than they are now. going to expand and recede according to long-range climate

In other words, deserts are patterns, and there is little anyone can do about it.

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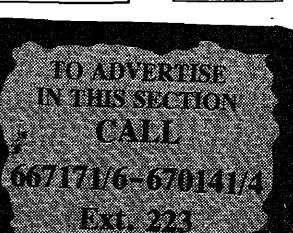
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

ACCRA (R) - Rioting broke out in the central Ghanaian town of Kumasi after a local side lost to National of Egypt in an African championship soccer match, the Ghanaian Agency GNA re-

ported on Monday. GNA said Algerian referee Rashid Medjiba.

a linesman and a National player were injured by irate fans throwing stones after Asante Kotoko were forced out of the

Africa Cup of Champions tournament on Sunday night, despite

winning the home leg 1-0. National qualified 2-1 on aggregate for

the final, GNA quoted reliable sources in Kumasi as saying the

stadium was under siege for two hours after the match and the

mob was not deterred by warning shots from soldiers. Reports

that up to eight people might have been killed could not be confirmed. Witnesses said the windscreens of cars parked around

the stadium were smashed and parts of the stadium, including the

press box, were damaged. Ghanaian authorities managed to

sneak match officials and National players to safety under cover of

darkness. They later boarded a special plane for Accra. Ghana's

People's Daily Graphic newspaper called in an editorial for an investigation into the violence which it described as "a shameful

DAYTONA BEACH. Florida (AP) - China nabbed 27 medals

— 22 of them gold — and the team title in the Women's World Weightlifting Championship that ended Sunday. More than 100

athletes and coaches from 22 nations gathered for the three-day

competition, the first step in creating a new Olympic event. The

United States came in second with 18 medals, four of them gold.

Six of those medals were earned in the final round Sunday,

including three golds by Karyn Marshall. Bulgaria followed the

United States with 16 medals, one of which was a gold. Hungary had seven silvers and two bronzes; Korea, two silvers; Great Britain, two silvers and one bronze; and France and Spain both,

China dominates women's weightlifting

act and disgrace to the nation."

Soccer riot in Ghana after Egyptian win

3 soccer players sent off, nine cautioned in Madrid

MADRID (R) — Three players were sent off and lack of coordination within the nine others cautioned as Atletico Madrid beat Real Valladolid 3-0 to stay second behind their celebrated city rivals Real Madrid in the Spanish First Division on Sunday.

by referee Jose Mazorra, Atletico captain Juan Arteche and Valladolid defender Enrique Moreno were dismissed for fouls and Atletico's Roberto Marina was sent off for arguing with the

All three had been cautioned earlier and for each player dismissal followed a second cautionable offence in a highly-charged match Atletico desperately needed to win to maintain their challenge for the title.

Real Madrid played on Satur-day and dropped their first league point of the season in a 0-0 draw away to Athletic Bilbao. After nine matches Real lead the table with 17 points ahead of Atletico on 14 and Celta on 12.

Although Atletico - coached this season by Argentine Cesar Luis Menotti — dominated the match, they were unable to add to a solitary first-half penalty until 15 minutes from time when Valladolid's stubborn resistance finally collapsed.

The early goal came in the 24th minute when Portuguese international striker Paulo Futre was brought down by Argentine goal-keeper Carlos Fenoy. Roberto

In a furious match dominated Lopez-Ufarte scored from the

Ufarte made it 2-0 up after 75 minutes when he put the finishing touch to a perfect pass from Futre and two minutes from time Eusebio Sacristan scored the third goal on his debut — having

just transferred from Valladolid. Barcelona lifted themselves one place further off the bottom with a 1-0 win at Logrones, but their success was due more to luck than good play.

The Catalans, suffering a dismal start to the season, are now fourth from bottom with seven points from nine games.

Barcelona seemed uncoordinated and unenthusiastic and were saved by one moment of precision when a good pass from Francisco Carrasco gave midfielder Urbano Ortega a chance to score the winner from 12 metres in the 63rd minute.

It was Barcelona's third away win of the season. They have yet to win at home in the Nou Camp

England striker Gary Lineker again failed to shine. He said afterwards: "I don't have many chances to score these days. vision match, which ended in a There are lots of nerves and a 3-1 victory for Ajax, Wilting said.

26 arrested in Dutch soccer incident

Dutch police Sunday arrested 26 soccer fans in incidents surrounding a match between Ajax of Amsterdam and the Rotterdam Club Feijenoord, police

The arrests followed Wednesday's suspension by nearly an hour of the Netherlands-Cyprus European championships quali-fier, in which a Dutch fan hurled a homemade bomb at Cypriot goalie Andreas Charitou, who narrowly escaped injury.

Seventeen Feijenoord fans were arrested on the train taking them to the match when they yelled "racist" slogans, according to Amsterdam police spokesman Klaas Wilting, who gave no further details. However, Feijenoord fans

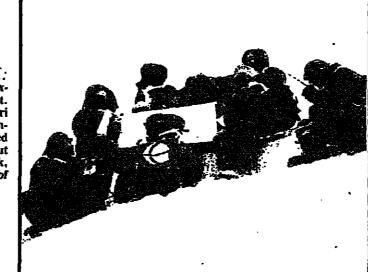
notorious for targeting their Amsterdam counterparts with anti-The remaining nine fans, who belonged to clubs, were arrested for violent incidents, including

have in recent years become

beating up a policeman and hurling firecrackers. Wilting said. There were no other major incidents during the Honour Division match, which ended in a



ATOP THE PEAK: Members of a Sino-Japanese expedition (right) rest atop Mt. Changtse (7.543 m) at Tingri county in China's Tibet autonomous region. (above) A roped party of the expedition sets about to ascend the mountain's peak, located on the northern side of the Himalayas (file photos)



Kenyan athlete ends Italian domination to claim NYC race

dent Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya caught early pacesetter Pat Petersen shortly past the 14-mile (22.5-km) point and coasted to victory Sunday in the 18th New York City Marathon.

Hussein, ninth in the 1985 race in his marathon debut and fifth last year, was timed 2 hours, 11 minutes, 1 second.

Priscilla Welch of Britain led all the way in easily the women's title in an unofficial 2:30:16.

Welch, who will be 43 Nov. 22, became the oldest women's winner in the New York City Marathon. The previous oldest winner was Miki Gorman, who was 42 years, 75 days when she won for the second consecutive time in 1977. Welch is 42 years, 344 days.

For Hussein, 29, a former western athletic conference steeplechmarathon and third victory.

marathon in 1985 in a course record 2:12:08 and bettered it last year in defending his title in

He also has won the bay to breakers race in San Francisco in 1984 and 1985 and was the first men's finisher in the 1986 Trevira Twosome 10-mile (16-km) race in New York. Prior to this race, the soft-

spoken Hussein said he felt "verv confident" and very relaxed, as compared to last year when he ran "I think you will see some

surprises," Hussein said, "I think somebody will steal the race. I hope that somebody is me." Early in the 26-mile, 385-yard (42-km) race through New York's

five boroughs. Petersen tried to

steal the race. The top American finisher in the 1984 New York City Marathon when he placed fourth. and in 1985 when he was third.

He won the Honolulu pace, opening a 35-second lead at five miles (eight kilometres). At that point he was on a record 2:04 marathon pace before Hussein reeled him in shortly past the halfway point.

Petersen hung on to second place most of the rest of the way before being overtaken in the closing stages and placing fourth, behind Gianni Demadonna of Italy and Pete Pfitzinger, the 1984 U.S. Olympic trials marathon winner. Tommy Ekblom of Finland finished fifth.

Italy's Orlando Pizzolato, the 1984 and 1985 New York City Marathon champion, made his usual second-half charge, moving into third place at one stage.

before fading The race attracted a record field of more than 22,000 and was run in near perfect marathon conditions — with the weather at the start in the mid 50s Fahrenheit (about 13 degrees Celsius) and comfortable

tempo Sunday to get his 24th

consecutive victory as a starting

quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

McMahon, with the Bears trail-

ing 28-14, went to a hurry-up

offence in the second half and

threw two touchdown passes to

Willie Gault in the fourth quar-

Elsewhere in the NFL Sunday,

it was Houston 31. Cincinnati 29:

Indianapolis 19, New York Jets

14: New England 26, Los Angeles

Raiders 23: New Orleans 38,

Atlanta 0: Philadelphia 23, St. Louis 23: Miami 35, Pittsburgh

24; Tampa Bay 23, Green Bay 17; Washington 27, Buffalo 7; San

Diego 27, Cleveland 24 in over-

time: Denver 34, Detroit 0; Seat-

tle 28, Minnesota 17, and San

Francisco 31. Los Angeles Rams

Sao Paulo team stumbles in Brazilian Soccer Championship

RIO DE JANEIRO. Brazil (AP) - Defending national champion Sao Paulo stumbled over the weekend with a surprising 3-2 loss to modest Coritiba in the third round of the second half of the Brazilian Soccer Championship.

The loss dropped Sao Paulo into second place in Group B with 3 points, 1 behind co-leaders Fluminense and Cruzeiro, who tied 1-1 on Sunday.

Despite the good play of allstar forwards Muller and Edivaldo. Sao Paulo was unable to resist the impetus of Coritiba, led by midfielder Milton, considered one of the revelations of the

Sao Paulo's goalie Roberto Rojas of Chile got into a shoving match with forward Mauro Madureira and was expelled in the first period, along with Coritiba attacker Tostao.

In Belo Horizonte, Fluminense and Cruzeiro hung on to the group lead with a 1-1 tie. Veteran centreforward Claudio Adao got his sixth goal for Cruzeiro, tying him for the league scoring lead with Romario of Vasco da Gama and Muller of Sao Paulo. Paraguayan star Romerito scored for

In other games for Group B. Vasco da Gama defeated Internacional 1-0, and Goias tied 0-0

In Group A. Atletico Mineiro defeated Flamengo 1-0 on an unusually play, apparently a re-sult of confusion involving two Flamengo players named Ze

Fullback Leandro told reporters he had shouted for "Ze Carlos" to intercept a centering pass from Atletico forward Marouinho, but it wasn't clear

whether he meant goalie Ze Carlos or defenceman Ze Carlos, As a result, neither player stopped the pass, and Atletico midfielder Renato headed the ball unmolested

The victory moved Atletico into a tie for first place with Corinthians and Bahia, all with 4 points. Flamengo fell into a second-place tied with Palmeiras at 3 points.

Corinthians, which had the league's worst record in the first half of the tournament, beat Santa Cruz 2-1 on Saturday to tie for the Group A lead.

Bahia, also much improved from the first half, defeated Palmeiras 1-0 to share first place. Atletico and Internacional, the

winners in the first half of the tournament, already have qualified for the semifinals. The championship ends in December.

CARDIFF (R) - The Welsh soccer manager on Monday accused

Wales accuse league of discrimination

the English Football League of discrimination by denying Wales the same preparation as England for next week's vital European championship qualifiers. Mike England, naming his 10-man squad for the Group Six match in Czechoslovakia that Wales must win to qualify, has recalled Norwich's player-coach David Williams to replace the suspended Robbie James. But England has to wait until after the weekend to see if he will be fit, because he is one of the six Welsh players denied Saturday off by the league's postponement of only fixtures that affect England players.

Teltscher clinches Hong Kong Grand Prix

HONG KONG (R) - American Eliot Teltscher made a triumphant return to the scene of his first major tennis victory by beating Australian John Fitzgerald in a punishing five-set final of the Hong Kong Grand Prix on Sunday. The third-seeded Teltscher, who had not been back since taking this title as a raw 19-year-old in 1978, came from two sets down to beat Fitzgerald 6-7, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5. Teltscher won the last four games of the predominately baseline battle to clinch the \$40,000 first prize. "That's nearly as sweet as winning here nine years ago. I am feeling pretty good at the moment," said Teltscher, who said he had considered quitting the circuit after this year.

Andretti wins Miami race

MIAMI (AP) - Jeff Andretti, the youngest son of Indy-car star Mario Andretti, drove through the rain Sunday to win the season-ending Miami round of the American racing series. Despite a torrential downpour at the start of the 45-minute event, and a continuing rain almost throughout. Andretti moved up from fifth place in the 14-car field to take the top spot and race off to a 9.68-second victory over pole-winner Dave Simpson. Simpson's second-place finish allowed him to pass series champion Didier Theys of Belgium to win the \$25,000 Triple Crown award, which goes to the driver who has the top point total in the races at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the New Jersey Meadowlands and Miami. Theys, who led Simpson in the competition by 17 points up to this race, chose to compete instead this weekend in Sunday's main feature, the Nissan Indy challenge.

Japan team a disgrace, says chairman

TOKYO (R) — After being beaten by world champions New Zealand 106-4 the chairman of the Japan Rugby Union Shigeru Konno apologised on Monday to the all blacks for the "disgraceful performance" of the all Japan team on Sunday. Had the game been recognised as a test match, the rout would have stood as a world record. It also outstripped the score when the teams met on Oct. 25 and New Zealand won 74-0. Konno said: "I will take this disgrace without any hesitation... rugby is a game you have to keep on learning and improving in.

Tobacco crop takes priority over final

BOMBAY (R) - Four tobacco furmers in Zimbabwe's world cup squad have declined invitations to the final because they must return home to plant their crops. Grant Paterson. Andy Waller. Robin Brown and manager Don Arnott are hurrying home for the planting season. "The world cup organisers very kindly invited us to Calcutta for the final, but we have to get back soon because the planting season is now starting." Arnott said. Arnott said their presence on the farm during planting was essential because of the risks involve at this stage. Also, a drought in the main growing region last year had made the coming season

CORRECTION

In an advertisement about the Arab Investment and International Trade Company in the Monday edition of the Jordan Times erroneously referred to the address as Al Rageem, which should have read Al Rageem - Jordan, P.O. Box 94. The Jordan Times regrets the error.

ase champion at the University of New Mexico, this was his fifth Petersen set a blistering early

Action against British soccer

stars draws quick criticism

LONDON (AP) — The filing of court charges against four of Britain's top soccer stars for on-field fights was blasted Monday as an unwarranted intrusion into sport by the state.

"I am very keen on high standards of behaviour but the increasing involvement of the police in these matters is something I deprecate," Bert Milliehip, chairman of England's Football Association (FA), said.

Officials of the Scottish Football Association (SFA) launched a full-scale inquiry into the trouble, which occurred during a Premier Division league match between Glasgow archrivals Rangers and Celtic more than two weeks ago.

Police in Glasgow defended their action.

The case was among the first in Europe in which authorities filed charges against athletes for onthe-field behaviour.

It was another blow for European soccer, already trying to deal with fan hooliganism. Last week, a Cyprus player had to leave a match against The Netherlands in Rotterdam after being overcome by a smoke bomb thrown from the strands, and over the weekend 26 people were arrested in incidents surrounding a Dutch League match between Ajax of Amsterdam and Feijeni Rahkwenfkt.

On Monday, the same charge was brought against Terry Butcher, the Rangers' captain and a star on England's national team. During the match, first

McAvennie and Woods, then McAvennie and Roberts and finally McAvennie and Butcher were involved in fights, with the incidents apparently sparked by hard tackles

McAvennie at one point covered his face with his hands after one, however, was hospitalised

appearing to be punched. No and the match was quickly re-

McMahon was making his first start since last Nov. 23 when he suffered a shoulder injury and

Chiefs.

Chiefs' Bill Kenney

underwent surgery fast De-Colts 19. Jets 14 Albert Bentley rushed 29 times

NEW YORK (AP) - Jim for 145 yards and Jack Trudeau touchdown passes to Kelvin Chargers 27, Browns 24 threw a 44-yard flea-flicker touchdown pass to Matt Bouza as Indianapolis defeated error-prone New York in Eric Dickerson's debut for the Colts.

Bears stage comeback to beat Kansas City Chiefs

The victory gave the Colts, 4-3. their first winning record since moving from Baltimore in 1984. Saints 38. Falcons 0

Bobby Hebert completed his ter, leading Chicago to a 31-28 first six passes in two first-quarter victory over the Kansas City scoring drives as New Orleans took centrol early and blanked The Bears won despite four Atlanta, only the sixth shutout in touchdown passes from the the history of the Saints, now in their 21st season.

Patriots 26, Raiders 23 Tony Franklin's fourth field goal, a 29-varder with one second left, gave New England the victory and spoiled Bo Jackson's NFL debut.

The Raiders rallied from a 23-6 deficit with 17 points in the final 12 minutes.

Dolphins 35, Steelers 24 Dan Marino weathered a shaky start in the rain and passed for four touchdowns and 332 yards, leading Miami over Pittsburgh. The NFL's all-time, top-rated

Redskins 27, Bills 7 Jay Schroeder threw two

quarterback completed 25 of 31

Bryant and the Washington de-Free safety Vencie Glenn interfence intercepted Buffulo's Jim cepted Cleveland quarterback Kelly three times. Running back George Rogers returned to the Redskins starting lineup after a

125 yards. Oilers 31, Bengals 29 Warren Moon's quarterback-sneak touchdown with 55 seconds remaining completed a 17-point Houston rally in the closing minutes against Cincinnati. The Bengals have lost their last three

non-strike games in the closing

shoulder injury and keyed the

Washington rushing attack with

Buccaneers 23, Packers 17 Steve Deberg drove Tampa Bay 84 yards for a touchdown to open the second half and threw a scoring pass to Gerald Carter a minute later as the Buccaneers held on to beat Green Bay.

Eagles 28, Cardinals 23 Randall Cunningham's third touchdown pass of the game, a nine-varder to Gregg Garrity with 40 seconds remaining, gave Philadelphia its victory over St. Louis. The Eagles, who fell hehind 23-21 with 1:50 left on a touchdown pass from Neil Lomax to Robert Áwalt, drove 70 yards in eight plays to the winning

touchdown.

Bernie Kosar's first pass attempt in overtime, setting up Vince Abbott's 33-yard field goal that gave San Diego its sixth consecu-

tive victory Broncos 34, Lions 0 John Elway ran for two touchdowns and passed 35 yards to Vance Johnson for another, leading Denver over Detroit. The Broncos scored on their first three possessions for a 17-0 first-

quarter advantage and went on to

post their first shutout since 1984

by allowing the Lions to cross

midfield only four times. Seahawks 28, Vikings 17

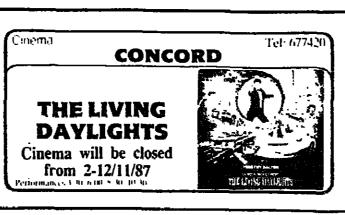
Dave Krieg passed for three touchdowns, including a key 27varder to Steve Largent early in the second half, and backup Jeff Kemp added a 28-yard scoring toss with 1:32 left as Seattle beat Minnesota.

49ers 31, Rams 10 Joe Montana completed 21 of 30 passes for 294 yards and three touchdowns in San Francisco's rout of Los Angeles. Montana marched the 49ers 80 yards to a score on their first possession on Tom Rathman's nine-yard touchdown run.

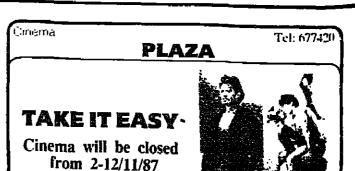
I, Mrs. Shakera Subhani, the holder of Indian Passport No. B202382 issued at Amman on March 15, 1987, announce that: 1. My name is written wrongly "Shaker" in place of "Shakera" in 2. My husband's full name is: Muhammad Nauman Khan, which is written "Nauman Khan" in my passport.

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Dollar comes under pressure

LONDON (R) — Week three of the crisis in financial markets atra! Ghanana, 1 ! Egypt in an 46 began with the dollar apparently headed for an all-time low against West Germany's mark. Hee Restad Way Tokyo share prices ended

Monday slightly up. London's stock market slipped again. A London broker spoke of a

feeling that a rally in British shares last week "was overin addition for such as the U.S. budget and the Friday night.

The central banks of Japan, West Germany and Switzerland all bought the dollar in open market intervention to brake its slide after it touched 1.7160 marks — just a pfennig above a historic low reached during the 1980 crisis over U.S. hostages in

Markets feel the dollar must

continue a lately accelerated slide

-- begun in 1985 when it peaked

at three marks - to help the

United States correct its large

American trade and federal

budget deficits are seen as the

chief problems that beset a global

economy shaken by October's

panic sell-offs on Wall Street and

Leading Wall Street economist

Henry Kaufman, interviewed for Monday's International Herald

Tribune, saw the dollar falling

further, but said it was important

Economists generally say a

panic flight from the dollar could force the United States to raise

interest rates to attract Japanese

and other money to finance its

budget deficit - and costlier bor-

rowing could, in turn, cause a

Mr. Kaufman urged more in-

ternational cooperation, saying:

The pattern of Japanese and

German interest rates in the

weeks ahead will be critical... we

can't certainly afford the open

fighting and bickering we saw a

But in a still-simmering U.S-

German row, Newsweek re-

ported on Sunday that Treasury

Secretary James Baker had again

blamed Bonn's tight monetary

policy for the crisis, saying Bun-desbank Vice President Helmut

Schlesinger engineered four in-

Mr. Kaufman meanwhile said

the markets attached "extraor-

dinary" symbolic importance to

whether current talks between

Congress and the White House

succeed in cutting the U.S.

budget deficit. The dollar closed in Tokyo at

137.58 yen and 1.7390/95 West

German marks after the Bank of

Japan bought an estimated \$500

million to stop it falling further,

West Germany's Bundesbank

and the Swiss National Bank

bought dollars in Europe where

at midsession the dollar fetched

1.7205 marks and 137.85 yen.

Sterling rose to \$1.73. The dollar

began in Zurich at a record low of

1.4205 Swiss francs.
In stock markets, Tokyo's Nik-

kei 225-share index was down

most of Monday due to the weak

dollar — a strong yen crimps Japanese exports — but closed up

23.69 points at 23,358.60 after

some big buying by securities

The volatile Hong Kong share

market's key index ended down

36.9 points at 2,203.23, its lowest

point since the markets started to

The Sydney share market, sev-

erely hit by last month's panic.

staged a partial recovery ending

with the All-Ordinaries share in-

dex 65 points, or five per cent,

higher at 1,359.9, partly due to a

"It was a good performance on

low volume, indicating a more

sensible, steady approach by in-

vestors, which is just what we

need for a full recovery," said a

steadier Australian dollar.

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Iran. In later European trading the done... and did not reflect a dollar firmed slightly. Gold change in fundamental worries touched \$470 an ounce, up \$2 on

Sunoil agrees to boost oil search in Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) - Energy Minister Adam Madibo said on Saturday the U.S. oil company Sunoil would spend \$24 million searching for oil in Sudan.

The government is hoping for a major oil find to help the impoverished African nation back on its economic feet. Mr. Madibo told a news conference Sudan and Sunoil had agreed the American firm would drill two wells costing \$10 million in the

It would spend \$14 million on oil surveys in the same region, in north Sudan and in the western Kordofan province. Sunoil struck crude in Sudan's central region earlier this year but the find was not in commercial amounts.

"Sunoil is enthusiastic to work more on the area," Mr. Madibo said. The find had proved there was oil there, he added. Sunoil, Chevron Sudan and France's Total are the only oil companies with exploration concessions in Sudan.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - U.K. shares continued dull in late trading but were around their highest levels of the day, as Wall Street rallied after earlier falling over 25 points, dealers said.

After recent high volume, traders reported only moderate business with some operators tempted by cheap stock. But the majority were keeping away in a still very uncertain atmosphere. Dealers said last week's relief the market's worst fears over the B.P. share flotation had not been realised was starting to wear

The price of part-paid B.P. shares was 3p lower at 83 while the old shares lost 5p to 260. Volume in both was large with over 96 million of the new shares changing hands by 1550 GMT.

The FTSE 100 index had lost 20 points to stand at 1,729.8 at 1550 GMT after reaching a high of 1,737.1 at 1518 as Wall Street's rally lost momentum.

Dealers said the position regarding B.P. shares was far from clear with much of the stock from the flotation still to hit the market. Many expect the price of the new shares to retreat and the Bank of England to be called upon to buy substantial amounts of stock under the government's buy-back scheme.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1987

DAILY HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Changes in your relationship with an associate will give you a new perspective on present business af-isirs. Try to be more open-minded in conversations - listen to other

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A long-running argument with a co-worker can be settled by an older person you both know. Today is a fine time to reaffirm friendships TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) That expert advice you've been con-

sidering is too expensive. Rely on practical and proven methods, and you'll get excellent results.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Don't allow a new acquaintance to disrupt your schedule this morning or you'll be late all day and miss some great opportunities.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to
Jul. 21) Get an early start today and

conclude some important business.
Advice from a superior and a coworker could be valuable.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you
restrain that bad attitude about

current situations, you'll realize

that what seemed like big problems are actually easy to resolve. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A recently assumed obligation which has been worrying you can easily be fulfilled today. Enjoy the domestic scene with your mate tonight. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Even though your partners don't agree with you, don't be drawn into an argument. They will soon see you

were right all along.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You can be unusually industrious
and constructive today if you
cooperate more with others. Don't
let details slow you down.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Steer clear of gossiping friends today; engaging in such pursuits could get you in serious trouble. A romantic evening is in store for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Invite a recent acquaintance into

your home. This person can be ex-tremely helpful to your career and will greatly improve your mood. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Postpone that meeting with a business associate until you can get the added information which you

feel may be necessary. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Keep your new ideas to yourself, and re-ly on your intuition today. Advice from a so-called expert is apt to be full of misinformation.

Jordan Phosphate Mines Company raises capital to JD 30m, floats 10 million shares

AMMAN (J.T.) — Banks and financial companies in Jordan are currently accepting subscriptions from local and foreign investors who are interested in buying shares floated on Sunday by the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) to increase its capital from JD 20 million to JD 30 million.

The nominal value of each French company are still conshare was set by the company at JD 1.000, but subscribers have to pay an extra JD 1.500 per share tor was settled earlier this year. as a premium which will be transferred /added to the legal reserves account. The additional charge covers the difference between the par value and the market value of each JPMC share, which on Monday traded for JD 2.500 at the Amman Financial Market.

The JPMC, requiring full payment upon subscription, has given a two-month period for investors to buy an equity in the company. After Dec. 31, 1987, the JPMC would either allocate shares among the investors, in case of oversubscription, or would cover any shortfall from the government's treasury.

The Jordanian government owns at present 66.8 per cent, or 13,362,694 shares, of the JPMC. The Pension Fund owns 17.7 per cent (3,529,411 shares) and the rest, 15.5 per cent or 3,107,895 shares, is owned by the public.

According to a JPMC publication describing the JD 10 million share flotation, the need to raise additional funds was prompted by expansion programmes and by changes that occurred in the financial set-up due to the purchase of the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company last year, upon a decision from the Economic

Security Council. Since the JFIC started commercial operations in 1983, it has lost JD 47.8 million up to May 1, 1986 due to low international prices for fertilisers. Another reason cited for the JFIC failure was a conflict with the French main contractor over the production lines and capacity of the

The JPMC noted in its publication that negotiations with the

tinuing to resolve the JFIC issue. A row with a British subcontrac-

However, the JPMC is pinning high hopes on the Eshidiya mine which is about 120 kilometres to the northeast of Aqaba. The new mine, described to be of excellent quality and of immense reserves estimated at 1.2 billion tonnes - is considered as an alternative to present mines in Runseifa (already closed), Al Hasa and Wadi Al Abiad. The last two mines produced 6.2 million tonnes last year and are expected to produce 6.8 million each year

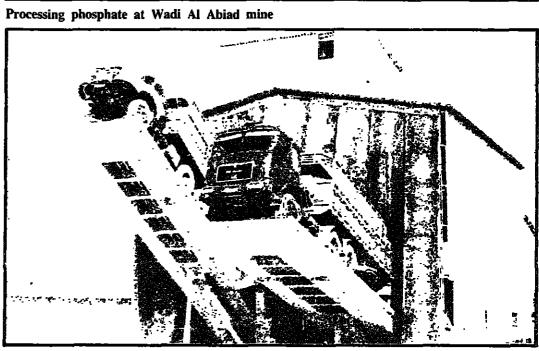
during the 1987-1992 period. The World Bank, which studied the Eshidiya project and found it profitable, economically feasible and of low cost, has pledged \$31 million (JD 10 million) to finance the first phase of the project, which will cost JD 29 million (\$90 million). The cost of the second and final phase will be around JD 45 million and will also be partially financed by the World Bank; but the amount has not been decided yet.

Production at the Eshidiva mine is scheduled to start during the second half of 1988 at an annual rate of 1.5 million tonnes. The output by the end of 1990 is expected to climb to three million and by the year 2000 to mine million tonnes. Phosphate exports are the main

source of foreign exchange to Jordan, as a total of JD 72.4 million (\$187.1 million) were recorded in sales during 1986. The JPMC distributed dividends to shareholders last year at a rate of seven per cent, although dividends at a rate of 20 per cent were given in 1984.

Regarding the financial position of the JPMC as of Aug. 31, 1987, a total of JD 62.9 million





Trucks unload phosphate at Aqaba Port terminal

and JD 61.4 million as long-term 52.9 per cent. liabilities. After raising the capital, the ratio of the total shareholders' equity to total liabilities 1986. Current assets including re- will earn dividends from next would amount to 64 per cent. The ceivables, inventories and spare

appears as short-term liabilities ratio at the end of 1986 stood at

The JPMC had net fixed assets of JD 75.6 million as of Dec. 31, tion that the new share flotation

parts amounted to JD 79 million. The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company declared in its publica-

Japanese may give temporary

boost by buying U.S. bonds this Tuesday. week but the effects of the move could be short-lived, fund mana-

gers said Monday. They said the investors probably would buy modest amounts of bonds at this week's U.S. government auctions but that they might sell the securities quickly to turn a swift profit.

If the Japanese buy bonds at the auctions that will tend to push U.S. interest rates down. However, once they sell them the rates would likely go back upwards.

The U.S. treasury is slated to as much as we bought in Au-

TOKYO (R) — Japan's cash-rich sell \$23.75 billion of securities gust," said Mr. Toshiomi Uraga- outlook for the stock market. investors might give jittery finan- this week, starting with \$9.75 mi, managing director at Sumitocial markets a much-needed billion of three-year notes on mo Life Insurance Company. recovery and stability in both the the dollar from collapsing against

> Participation of Japan's big investors is considered crucial to the success of the quarterly auctions and to the ultimate stability of financial markets, market analysts said.

If the Japanese, who have played a major role in funding America's huge budget deficit in recent years, do not buy many bonds this week, U.S. interest rates will shoot higher, sending the stock

market tumbling, they said. "I think we are willing to buy

Sumitomo bought more than \$50 million at the last U.S.

quarterly auctions in August but sold them soon after, he said. "We may buy bonds at the auction because we expect the

bond market to remain buoyant in the short-term," said Mr. Masanobu Takatani, a fund manager at Norinchukin, Japan's agricultural bank.

But investors said they are wary of buying U.S. securities for the longer-term because of expectations of a further fall of the dollar and uncertainty over the

"What we really need now is a recent days in an effort to prevent currency and stock markets." an the ven. official of another major insur-

Japanese investors said they wanted the U.S. government to show its resolve by reducing its huge budget deficit, which is increasingly seen as the source of most of the world's economic ills.

ance company said.

Bond managers said they expected the Bank of Japan to help get the auctions off to a good start by using some of the dollars it has bought in the foreign exchange markets to buy three-year notes. The central bank has bought

The managers said the bank

and the finance ministry were also helping the United States by sounding out Japanese investors about how many bonds they intended to buy this week.

Although officials at both the bank and the ministry insist they are not trying to pressure the investors into buying, fund managers said they nevertheless felt obliged to make some token purchases to satisfy the author-

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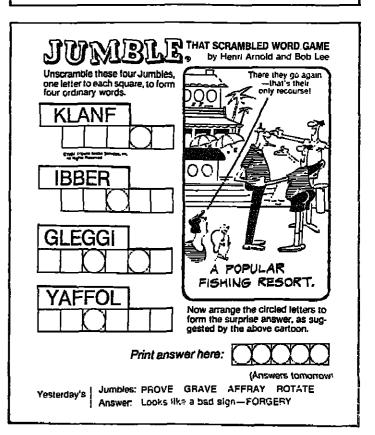












Philippine gunmen strike again near U.S. air base

MANILA (R) — Unidentified gunmen attacked security guards on Monday outside a major U.S. air base in the Philippines where three Americans were shot and killed last week.

Police said the gunmen, suspected members of the Communist New People's Army (NPA), seized weapons from private security guards policing an area about one kilometre from the base where several Americans rent houses.

The incident heightened tension inside the sprawling Clark Air Base and caused a rush of calls on a "rumour control hotline" set up after last week's killings, Clark spokeswoman Lieutenant Donna Eggleston

"People are obviously concerned." she added.

The U.S. embassy in Manila. which has advised Americans to keep a low profile, had no comment on the latest incident, in which no Americans were involved.

Angeles City police Captain Nardo Ramos told reporters city police backed by units of the Paramilitary Philippine Constabulary had chased the gunmen. spraying possible hiding places with gunfire. They failed to find the men, he added.

"There is ...a possibility that the armed men were casing the (area) to determine which houses were being rented by Amer-

icans," Capt. Ramos said. Clark Air Base and the adjacent Angeles City, north of Manila, have been heavily patrolled by Philippine and American area of the city in actions reminis-

when two U.S. airmen on active service were shot and killed along

no. A third American serviceman was shot at but escaped unhurt. U.S. military authorities have clamped a curfew on the base, banned non-essential travel outside the camp and stopped rest and recreation trips to Clark by servicemen from other bases in

with a retired airman and a Filipi-

Police blamed the NPA for the Clark attacks, and others in Manila in which 10 Filipinos died, mainly police and soldiers.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks around Clark, home for abtout 96,000 Americans, including dependents. Clark and the nearby Subic Bay Naval Base are the two largest American military installations outside U.S. territory.

Earlier, President Corazon Aquino defended weekend police raids on suspected Communist hideouts in Manila, saying the wave of killings in the capital must be stopped.

"By going to the hideouts we will be able to eliminate (or) at least reduce the number of these incidents," she said during a prerecorded radio phone-in prog-

Police seized 624 people for "character verification" in raids on a Manila university and a slum troops since last Wednesday, cent of swoops during the author-

itarian rule of exiled former President Ferdinand Marcos.

Most were later released but police said 39 people taken in a raid on the State Polytechnic University of the Philippines were still being held late on Monday.

The military in the northern Cagayan region said on Monday that troops backed by helicopter gunships had killed nine guerrillas in a 12-hour clash with the

In a separate incident in the region, the military blamed rebels for murdering two security guards employed by a logging company.

'Soviets broke into U.S. base'

Meanwhile Newsweek magazine reported Monday that the U.S. navy has evidence suggesting that Soviet Special Forces broke into the American naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines and other installations in

the Far East. Intruders entered secure areas of the base from offshore, the U.S.-based magazine reported in its Nov. 9 issue, citing sources it did not name. No damage was done in the break-ins, which may have been carried out by elite 'Spetsnaz'' forces. Newsweek

The forces, trained in surveillance, sabotage and assassination, might have been testing their ability to enter and leave undetected, the magazine said.

"Their peacetime mission is to identify and locate vulnerabilities of likely wartime targets," an unidentified Pentagon official was quoted as saying.

Tamil rebel chief injured during escape

COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lanka's peninsula. elusive Tamil Tigers chief Velupillai Prabhakaran was wounded while slipping past Indian troops assaulting his separatist fighters in their battered northern bastion, military officials said on

Sri Lankan officials said informers spotted the 32-year-old leader limping after treatment at a hospital in Vadamarachehi, in the north east corner of the Jaffna grip on the area.

"He was seen leaving it four or five days ago with one foot bandaged. It must have been a fairly big injury from the size of the

bandage." a senior official said. Prabhakaran and some of his lieutenants fled to Vadamarachchi as Indian soldiers, who took effective control of Jaffna town on Oct. 25 after more than two weeks of fighting, tightened their

Sri Lanka's state radio said the Indian Peace Keeping Force captured 40 rebels on Sunday in Jaffna and captured large quantities of arms and ammunition at

Urumpirai and Achchuveli. Sri Lankan officials estimated that half of the rebels defending the town melted away by mingling with Tamil refugees and crossed to the mainland districts of Vavuniya, Mannar and Mul-

U.S. should 'smoke out' Soviet intention — Brzezinski

White House Security Adviser thing spell. · Brzezinski has said the out" Moscow's intentions by proposing a reduction of Soviet tank forces in Europe.

Referring to the Intermediate Nuclear Force (INF) treaty to be signed in Washington next month by President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Mr. Brzezinski said on U.S. television that Moscow faced major domes-

WASHINGTON*(R) - Former tic problems and needed a brea-

United States should "smoke advantage of this opportunity to put on the table comprehensive proposals designed to smoke out their intentions," he said.

In order to modernise the Soviet economy, Mr. Brzezinski said. Mr. Gorbachev needed larger investment, either from the United States and Western Europe, or through cutting defence spending.

Q.4-350th vulnerable, as South

↑AK95 77 KJ10 ◆AK765

A .- You have a very good hand, if

you can find a fit with partner. As

a result of your shortness in

partner's suit, you don't have

enough to force to game. Bid one

spade - it partner passes that, we

would bet against your being able

to make game in any strain. And to

hid two no trump with a singleton

in partner's suit is the height of

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold ♦K7 TAQ6 TA973 ♦AJ92

South West North

INT Pass 3 +

A .- You don't know yet what part-

ner has in mind, but you should be

delighted to cooperate no matter

what because your hand is rich in printe controls. A cue-hid now of

three hearts tells partner of your

sound values and support for his

Q.6-As South, vulnerable with 60

The bidding has proceeded.

South West North East

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A .- Here the fact that you have a

parts ore actually works to your

advantage. Without it you would

have a problem deciding whether

to jump to three hearts or four

With it, you can tell partner that

you have a good hand without get-

ting overboard by simply bidding

over score with three hearts.

KQ103 16 4AKQ984

The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now"

on score, you hold.

What do you but now"

East

Pass

+95

The bidding has proceeded South West North East

What do you hid now?

GOREN BRIDGE

AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ Q3-- V. South, vehicrable, you - to you could be worth a trick

§ \J1073 AK6 Q2 #A105 The bidding has proceeded South West North East Pass 2 3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass

What action do you take? A.-In terms of pend count you right be manning for your jump take the character of your hand got consideration. Your black tens give year hand body and your prees in partner's suit double be ill ariided. We would accept his invitation (h) but is quantitative, not that woods by building six no

0.2-Both volterable as South

you head +33 K107 Q363 +Q962 3. State has proceeded North East South West 1.9 Pass INT Pass
3.4 Pass 3.NT Pass 1'258 What action do you take?

A.-Partier is showing a hand with ery spades and only four disacts, so you should correct to tion pades indeed you could easinvolver used three spades to four a after than persed with three no

Q.3-Neither culnerable, as South our beddi *AQ5 Q2 KQ103 *AQ99

her inditing has proceeded. South West North East I Pass II Pass 2 NT Pass 3 I Pass

What action do you take? A -- Some players believe that North to downing a very weak hand. with time, courts and is asking you to prove that makes a mockery of generative budding. What he is doing is offering you a choice bepages three no trump and four hearts, and with all your tenace nesitions you should select the 6 cmer-having the lead come up

Pakistani foreign minister resigns

> ISLAMABAD (R) — Sahabzada Yaqub Khan brought an air of autocratic gravity and a cosmopolitan touch to his role as Pakistan's foreign minister, a post he quit on Sunday after a controversy over his unsuccessful bid to become head of UNESCO.

A brilliant army officer and fine linguist, 66-year-old Yaqub Khan has been equally at home in the military-dominated atmosphere of Pakistani politics and treading the stage of international

diplomacy. From his beginnings at an Indian princely court, his career has seen him as a World War II prisoner-of-war, the military governor of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), and eventually an habitue of the world's corridors

of power. Since 1982, the year of his appointment as foreign minister, Mr. Yaqub Khan led Pakistan's team at peace talks aimed at ending the guerrilla war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

He was well placed to tread the diplomatic tightrope between the superpowers, as a fluent Russian and English speaker and a former ambassador to both Washington

and Moscow. But his first love was always Paris, a fact which made the director-general of UNESCO particularly alluring.

His candidacy for the job of managing the troubled United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation which has its headquarters in the French capital -- was backed by most Western countries.

He withdrew from the contest after trailing the incumbent, Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal, in two rounds of balloting of the agency's 50-strong executive board. Dr. M'Bow later pulled out and Spain's Federico Mayor was nominated for the

post. President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq accepted the resignation after Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo reluctantly agreed to the minister's request to leave the job he had held for more than five years, a government statement said.



Rene Levesque

Former Quebec premier dies

MONTREAL, Quebec (AP) -Former Quebec Premier Rene Levesque, the chain-smoking politician who led an unsuccessful campaign to make a separate French-speaking country out of the province, has died of a heart

attack. He was 65. Mr. Levesque died Sunday at Montreal General Hospital. He was taken there from his home, where he had been dining with his wife, Corinne Cote-Levesque, and several friends. Ambulance technicians and doctors were un-

able to revive him. Mr. Levesque, Quebec premier from 1976 to 1985, was "a great champion of Quebec's interests," a spokesman for Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney said. Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Levesque "had very different views about the kind of Canada they wanted," Mulroney spokesman Bruce Philips said, but Mr. Mulroney "admired Rene Levesque's profound respect for demo-

In Quebec City, Premier Robert Bourassa said the province lost "one of its most illustrious sons."

"Mr. Levesque's entire politic-al career had but one aim: Quebec's progress and development," Mr. Bourassa said. "...He will pass into history as one of our most determined and generous patriots."

As a cabinet minister under Liberal Premier Jean Lesage from 1961 to 1966, Mr. Levesque grew increasingly disillusioned because of Quebec's constant feuding with the English Canadian-dominated federal government in Ottawa.

Mr.Levesque broke away and formed his own movement in 1967, which became the Parti Quebecois a year later. The party advocated the secession of Quebec from the rest of Canada.

At the root of the movement was the belief that without autonomy, the French culture in Quebec would not survive. Eighty-two per cent Quebec's 6.5 mil-

lion people are French speakers. In 1970, separatist terrorists kidnapped British Trade Commissioner James Cross and provincial Labour Minister Pierre Laporte, Mr. Cross was released unharmed, but Mr. Laporte, a friend of Mr. Levesque's, was killed.

Ottawa countered by invoking the War Measures Act under which police arrested about 450 Ouebec residents without charge. Mr. Levesque later wrote that the crisis supplied "as many reasons as I'd ever need for becoming a separatist."

It was under Mr. Levesque's leadership that a 1980 referendum was held in Quebec on the issue. Short, balding and tough, his straightforward style, husky voice and heartfelt appeal to his fellow Quebecois won him widespread respect.

2 British teachers in Tibet ordered to leave China

PEKING (R)- Two British teachers in Tibet have been ordered to leave China on charges of illegally running a library for profit and giving unauthorised lessons. a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday. The spokesman told reporters. the two men had violated national law governing aliens by conducting these activities.

The teachers. Richard Lanchester and Rupert Wolf-Murray, and another one from West Germany, were earlier ordered to | at the department, successfully leave Tibet by Nov. 4, in what argued for the deregulation of appeared to be a crackdown on Westerners working in Lhasa af- | had a substantial investment in a ter anti-Chinese rioting by hun- cable television company.

Survey: Soviets support nuclear-free Europe

The survey was conducted be-

The survey indicated 95 per

cent favoured such a meeting,

Slightly more than half, 53 per

cent, favoured withdrawal of all

Soviet forces from Afghanistan,

the survey said. It said 27 per cent

were against it and 20 per cent did

Another 55 per cent said they

Asked whether they approved

were dissatisfied with the quality of health care in the Soviet

of the release of dissidents from

exile or prison, 42 per cent said

no. The survey said 27 per cent

approved of it and another 31 per

Those surveyed expressed wide

support for some reforms Mr. Gor-

bachev has instituted, including

limiting the sale of alcoholic be-

verages, allowing workers to elect the heads of their workplace,

allowing some individuals to

work on their own and the de-

velopment of more cooperatives.

important Soviet citizens, living

or dead, as Lenin (64 per cent),

Gorbachev (31 per cent), Stalin (25 per cent) and Yuri Andropov

Asked which countries were

avowed enemies of the Soviet

Union, 52 per cent said the United

States, 22 per cent West Ger-

many, 12 per cent Britain and

(16 per cent).

The sample rated the four most

not have an opinion.

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Union.

MOSCOW (Agencies) — A vast majority of Soviets surveyed had no opinion. The survey was fore the announcement of the favour ridding Europe of nuclear weapons, but nearly one-third Dec. 7 summit meeting in Washington between Soviet leader said simultaneous destruction of Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. U.S. and Soviet intermediate-President Ronald Reagan. Durrange weapons may be dangerous for their country, an opinion poll ing the summit, the two leaders are expected to sign an agreement to indicates.

eliminate their medium- and In addition, more than half of those questioned favour withshorter-range weapons. drawing Soviet troops from Afghanistan. and 46 per cent expected moder-

The survey conducted on Oct. 1-12 by the French polling organisation Ipsos indicated 52 per cent viewed the United States as a "declared enemy" of the Soviet

But in answer to another question, 61 per cent regarded relations with the United States as 'not bad.'

The Associated Press on Sunday obtained an English-language translation of the results of the survey, which was conducted for French Television and the weekly news magazine Le Point. One thousand Soviets between

the ages of 18 and 65 who live in Moscow or within 40 kilometres of the capital city were contacted by telephone and asked a series of 65 questions.

Telephone sampling is highly developed in Western countries. but rarely used in the Soviet Union. It is not known what percentage of the people living in the survey area have telephones.

The survey said 95 per cent of those questioned favour the elimination of nuclear weapons from Europe.

In response to another question, 55 per cent said the simultaneous destruction of Soviet SS-20 and U.S. Pershing 2 missiles in Europe would not be dangerous for the Soviet Union. But 31 per cent disagreed, and 14 per cent three per cent France.

over the pace of reforms.

Gorbachev suggested "head-

strong" reformers could present

almost as many problems for his

"We must not give in to press-

ing," the Kremlin leader de-

Mr. Yeltsin, who was not iden-

as conservatives.

Palace of Congresses.

Gorbachev rebukes Yeltsin MOSCOW (R) — Soviet leader that Mr. Yeltsin had offered his Mikhail Gorbachev issued a clear resignation at a recent plenary rebuke on Monday to Moscow meeting of the party's policy-

Communist Party Chief Boris making Central Committee. Yeltsin, involved recently in a Reports emanating from Soviet dispute with Kremlin colleagues officials have said Mr. Yeltsin complained at the meeting, on In a speech to a Kremlin meet-Oct. 21, that the reforms were ing for the 70th anniversary of the going too slowly and said some 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Mr. members of the party politburo were partly responsible.

The Moscow party chief is widely known for his fierce de-"perestroika" restructuring drive dication to Mr. Gorbachev's programme to reshape Soviet. society and has been an outure from those overly headstrong spoken critic of more conserva-

and impatient people who do not tive officials urging caution. want to take into account the In his speech on Monday, Mr. Gorbachev said the "impatient elements" were "expressing dissatisfaction with what they consider the slow pace (of reforms) tified by name, was sitting behind which they allege will not bring Mr. Gorbachev in the presidium the needed fruits quickly."

of the meeting in the Kremlin "It should be clear that we At the weekend another Krem- cannot skip stages and try to do lin official Anatoly Lukyanov, everything with one wave of the confirmed at a news conference hand," be added.

ressions" - an estimate far be-

Soviet intellectuals sympathetic

to Mr. Gorbachev's drive for

reform had looked forward to his

speech as an opportunity to hear

a full and honest assessment of

the devastation inflicted on the

lives of millions of people by Sta-

"If we are to remain on posi-

tions of historical truth, we must

see both Stalin's unquestionable

contribution to the struggle for

socialism, in defence of its gains,

and his gross political mistakes,

the arbitrariness permitted by

him and those who were close to

cult, which involved millions of

people paying forced public hom-

age to the late ruler's supposed

talents, could have been avoided.

He said Stalin's personality

him," Mr. Gorbachev said.

Western historians.

lin's dictatorship.

Soviet leader says Stalin knew of crimes in 1930s

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet leader of party members and non-mem-Mikhail Gorbachev said on Mon- bers were subjected to mass repday Josef Stalin had known of crimes committed under his rule low that of many Soviet and in the 1930s and announced a new commission had been set up to study rehabilitation of the dicta-

tor's victims. At the same time he told a Kremlin meeting that Stalin's collectivisation of farming had been correct and said the dictator's key rival Leon Trotsky had promoted "anti-socialist ideas" and sought to undermine the state.

Mr. Gorbachev's speech was the first major event in celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the October 1917 Revolution, in which Trotsky was a key figure alongside Bolshevik leader Vladi-

"From documents we have it is clear Stalin knew about the crimes committed," Mr. Gor-

bachev said. But he added: "Many thousands

Controversy arises over new U.S. court nominee

WASHINGTON (R) - Presi- the judge confirmed on Sunday dent Reagan's second nominee to that his physician wife, Dr. Hallie the U.S. Supreme Court appears Morgan, performed abortions to have hit trouble over disclo- while working at a hospital in sures about his wife's medical career and about his own conduct while working at the U.S. Justice Department.

À department spokesman confirmed reports on Sunday that Judge Douglas Ginsburg, while working as an assistant attorney cable television at a time when he

dreds of Tibetans a month ago. Meanwhile, a source close to down by the Senate.

1980. Abortion could become an issue during Senate judiciary committee confirmation hearings because Judge Ginsburg's Senate supporters include conservative Republican legislators who

oppose abortion. Judge Ginsburg was nominated to the supreme court, the nation's highest judicial body, by Mr. Reagan after his first nominee, Judge Robert Bork, was turned

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Gold from Tutankhamen's tomb to be sold

LONDON (AP) - A nine-inch-long (22.5-centimetre-long) decorated sheet of pure gold from the tomb of Tutankhamen going up for auction next month is believed to be the only item ever to reach the market from the Egyptian boy-king's 3,000-yearold grave. The gold sheet, which appears to have been stripped from a piece of furniture, depicts Tutankhamen between the gods Atum and Re Herakhty. It is believed to have been stolen from the tomb near Luxor. The tomb, filled with a variety of valuable treasures, was discovered in 1922 by British archaeologist Howard Carter and Lord Carnaryon. Most of the treasures remain in Egypt as closely guarded museum exhibits. Stolen gold strips were found earlier — shortly before World War I — by Theodore Davis of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in a pit 100 metres from the tomb. Some of the thicker strips bore decoration and script. The sheet of pure gold, which weighs 25 grams (just under an ounce). goes on auction by Christie's auctioneers in December. "A piece like this has never come on the market before and the fact that it comes from Tutankhamen's tomb will give it added attraction," said Christie's consultant Egyptologist, Dr. Christine Insley Green. Her guess at a price range is £50,000 to £150,000 (\$86,000 to \$258,000).

Stallone has close call on Rambo III set

ELAT, Israel (AP) — American actor Sylvester Stallone had a close call on the set of Rambo III when a helicopter buzzed over him during a stunt, just missing his head. Stallone, who was on horseback, ducked just in time and escaped unharmed, said Tom Gray, a spokesman for the production. "I suppose if it had gotten any lower I could have saved the cost of a haircut," Gray quoted Stallone as saying. Gray said the scene called for a French-made Puma helicopter to buzz Stallone as explosives and balls of flames went off around the actor. "We rehearsed the scene with a stuntman, and then Stallone was brought in for actual filming. We filmed two perfect takes and he asked for a third one, which he wanted to be more spectacular," said Gray. He said the script called for the helicopter to fly about 2 metres above Stallone's head. Gray said the pilot misjudged the distance because a cloud of dust and flames shrouded the set. Rambo III is set in Afghanistan where Vietnam war veteran John Rambo tries to rescue his mentor, Col. Trautman, who has been kidnapped. Filming in Israel began in the summer and will wrap up by the end of November, Gray said. Additional scenes will be shot in Thailand and Pakistan. Sunday's stunt scenes were shot in Elat, a Red Sea resort 310 kilometres south of Jerusalem. Rambo III is scheduled for release in the summer of 1988.

Duchess of York loves work, official duties

LONDON (AP) — The Duchess of York says she loves her publishing career and her official duties as a member of Britain's royal family but wishes she could see her husband. Prince Andrew, more often. "You can combine the two," the former Sarah Ferguson was quoted as saying in an interview with Press Association. "I would like to see my husband more often, but there is work to be done and I am glad to be doing it. In any case, he is 100 per cent behind what I am doing, and actually I think he enjoys it," she was quoted as saying. The 28-year-old duchess married Queen Elizabeth II's second son in July 1986. Andrew's career as a Royal Navy helicopter flight instructor often takes him away from home. "There are not enough hours in the day for me," the duchess was quoted as saying. "I don't think people realise just what I do put into the day. The volume of work is

British press sees 'royal reconciliation'

LONDON (R) — British newspapers, speculating last week on a rift between royal heir Prince Charles and his wife Diana, devoted headlines on Monday to a "royal reconciliation" during the couple's West Berlin visit. "Happiness in Berlin" ran the frontpage headline of the Daily Mail over a photograph of Charles and Diana stepping from an aircraft at the start of a week-long tour of West Germany. The Daily Express announced that "it looks like happy days are here again for the prince and princess," while the Daily Mirror spoke only of a royal truce for the visit. The prince, 38, and his 27- year-old wife arrived in West Berlin on Sunday on their first major joint engagement for almost two months. Long separations have fuelled British press reports of a rift between the couple and stormy midnight arguments with Queen Elizabeth in Buckingham Palace. But the Daily Mail clearly saw the continental European press as the villains in the recent spate of royal speculation.

Coup leader buys a "how to..." book

MANILA (R) — After failing to overthrow the Philippine government. Col. Gregorio Honasan is reported to have sent his men out shopping for books on how to mount a successful coup. Quoting an unidentified publishing source, the Manila Chronicle said on Sunday that Col. Honasan's supporters bought 500 copies of Edward Luttwak's Coup D'Eiat from a Manila bookstore after the Aug. 28 coup attempt. Troops loyal to President Corazon Aquino crushed Col. Honasan's rebellion, in which at least 53 people were killed and about 300 wounded. Col. Honasan fled at the height of the fighting. A military spokesman said army officers were burying their noses in Luttwak's 215-page book to find out what Col. Honasan may be up to next. Col. Honasan, who remains at large, told Reuter last week that he was preparing to strike again and warned his next attempt might be bloodier.

6 arrested for glorifying suttee

NEW DELHI (R) - A law banning the glorification of the Hindu practice of a widow burning herself alive on her husband's funeral pyre was used for the first time to arrest pro-suttee campaigners. The Press Trust of India (PTI) said two of the six arrested in the west Indian state of Rajasthan were leaders of a fundamentalist Hindu group, the Committee for the Protection of Religion, and had organised pro-suttee rallies. PTI said it was the first time the law had been invoked since it was passed following the death of 18-year-old Roop Kanwar on her husband's pyre in a Rajasthan village last month. Witnesses among the 5,000 people who watched her die said the bride of just eight months cradled her husband's head and chanted prayers as the flames leaped around her. Doubts have since been cast on whether Kanwar went voluntarily to her death.

Anti-AIDS crusader criticises news report

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - A prominent anti-AIDS crusader on Sunday criticised a recent Australian newspaper report for describing Thailand as the "AIDS capital" of South East Asia. Sommatra Troy, a nurse, said Mark Thornton of the West Australian newspaper was "either ill-informed or mistaken" when he wrote an article on narcotics trafficking in Thailand, the country's massive sex industry and its AIDS situation. Thai health officials say four Westerners and four Thais have died from AIDS since 1984 and three Thai patients remain hospitalised. Quoting World Health Organisation (WHO) statistics released in June, Mrs. Troy said 490 people have died in Australia and thousands have been infected with the virus there. "If we are to compare figures, then Australia overtakes other South East Asian countries as the regional AIDS capital," she said. Mrs. Troy said she will send a letter Monday to seek a retraction.

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